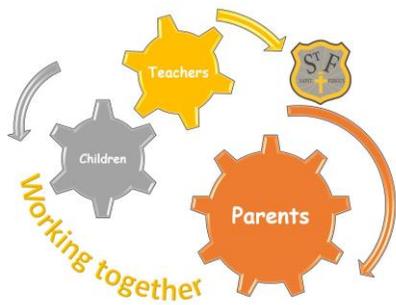


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In February we issued an online survey to capture the views of parents about the school closure. Thank you to everyone who responded.

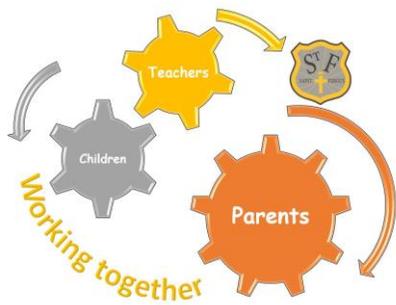
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What is working well with online learning?	Is there anything further we can do to support you or your child/children with online learning?	What can we do moving forward to support you and your family when schools are open again?	Average Rating for online learning was 4 stars. Reason for rating given were.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Being able to access all the school task for the day, class meets, teachers' videos explaining tasks ✚ My daughter is able to complete most tasks independently and has regular contact with her teacher. ✚ The videos of Miss Strang explaining the tasks and the live lessons. ✚ Fantastic communication. Reasonable workload, not too overwhelming for the kids, but also some very enjoyable tasks. Google meet has been a fantastic addition to home-schooling this time around. ✚ To be honest not much as my child is struggling as am I due to work commitments ✚ She still getting up and given it her best 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Less work where you have to print out task from a workbook this can be difficult and time-consuming drawing out clocks etc. ✚ More live lessons and an individual/small group check in weekly ✚ We were happy with all aspects of home learning, no improvement needed for us. ✚ It would be good if there was live lessons with the teacher. ✚ Not with the online learning. But emotionally I think a lot of children will need help with their mental health and wellbeing. ✚ Stay Safe ✚ I think there is good support, my son really likes the feedback he gets on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ A think a gradual return to class would work best. ✚ Information about high school transition. ✚ Keep the communication levels going between the teacher and parents. ✚ Stay safe and maintain communication as and when it is needed. ✚ I don't know as she is not grasping the basics. ✚ Feel she might struggle a bit and need support in some bits of her work. ✚ I think children doing group tasks will help them with their confidence. Outdoor learning to would be a great help. I feel like my son is asking more and more to stay in the house which 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ My rating would be for the teacher's assistance, my daughter being able to see her teacher and class on the meetings. ✚ Whilst I am working from home, I can support my child and help her to stay to motivated. However, she can become upset when the teacher chastises the class for not engaging. Please understand I appreciate the challenge and frustration from the school, however I feel it's important to raise this. ✚ The interaction has been better. Seeing the teacher and hearing her has made a remarkable difference to getting my child more engaged. Google classroom has been fun for my child to navigate around.



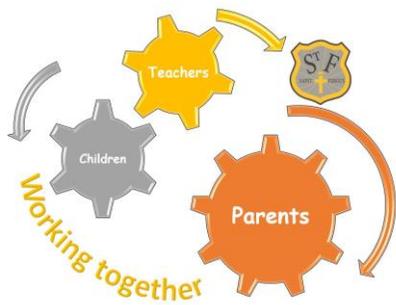
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + My child is very clever and he understands the situation we are in. He hasn't struggled with the online learning but he has struggled with not seeing people especially his friends. Hayden also likes routine. He struggles to control his emotions even more so at the moment being stuck at home. + Having the google meets every now and then. And also voice notes from teacher, my child knows that tasks are coming from them rather than mummy! + My older child enjoys the class meets and live lessons. My younger child has been in school but her teacher has been sharing their sounds so she doesn't fall behind while we are isolating. + There is good communication with class teacher like online calls. + The tasks are relevant to what she enjoys and gets her to use her mind to actively think tasks through. She enjoys having something to focus on and give purpose to the day. + Daily live explanation tasks on Google classroom. Quick response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + his work it encourages him on the days he doesn't want to do it. + Keep up the school meets and teacher video as it gives interaction that is needed. Mrs Cryans talking though the tasks in videos has been a big part of the motivation this time round. + I believe that school did everything that they could to support our children. + More online meetings with the teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + is the opposite of what he used to be like. + Stick to rules. Like always. + Kept up to date with progress. Provide lots of opportunity for them to be outdoors. + No ideas, looking forward to her having interactions with kids again. + Please support my child with his writing as you did before lock down, as we worry, does he will have enough time to pick up school material before he starts s1. + Everything is good but thank you. + I am not sure. Focus on learning again – fractions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Google meet has been great, my son has enjoyed being able to see his classmates and interact with them. Communication has also been fantastic. Its lovely that even though the staff already have a tremendous amount of work and stress thrust upon them during this horrible time, they still make time for the children, checking in on them daily on seesaw or google classroom and also phone calls. We are extremely grateful to all the staff at St. Fergus but especially Mrs Devine and Mrs Coyle who have both gone out of their way to check in on my son and make sure he is coping with his workload and also challenging him so he didn't get bored! + As my daughter can't yet read, I am having to give her lots of support as she can't just get on with the work. + Some days we have bad days + I am happy with the communication from the school and my son's teacher. The virtual classroom is very easy to follow and it has not been too much.
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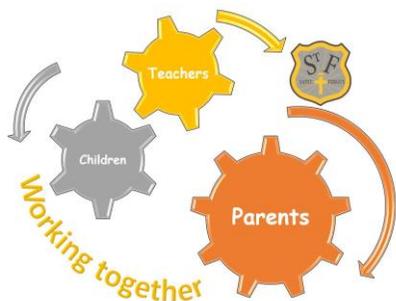
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<p>teacher for messages / email. Support children and organise individual live meetings if necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The lessons are well prepared and I think it is just the right amount of it. + Sustainable material and online class meetings 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + The teachers go above and beyond, although it's hard to keep my daughter motivated the school couldn't do more. We were having technology issues and they allowed us to borrow a laptop. + It is a good set up with good communication from Class teacher, but my son is now getting fed up and upset he is missing his friends and the social interaction with other kids, And there is only so much you can do when both parents work full time. I think children still need to be taught and I don't think that is easy online and as I nor my Husband are teacher's we are not able to help properly. + As I've not been working online learning has been more achievable as there's isn't a timeframe and having the use of laptop and tablets has made it easier. We still need to go between 2 devices as the links to top marks and reading eggs etc don't open on the laptop due to security settings. Online learning has enough work to fill maybe 5 hours which I feel is enough at home, on a focused
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			<p>day she can be finished in 3-3.5 hours, the structure it's given is fab.</p> <p>+ Very well organised. Daily meetings with children help them get better motivation to do daily tasks. I could say that online learning was similar to school learning, as children has had always communication with teachers and other children in the class. Brilliant idea to organise for children meetings where they could spend time together, have a chat, get fun and feel almost like at school break. Thank you for your support, all staff make much easier learning during lock down. Well done. YOU ARE AMAZING! 🍌😄❤️🍌 Thank you.</p> <p>+ I would rather my daughter was at school but other than that everything is great.</p> <p>+ It is hard for me to help my child learn because I cannot explain and there is also a language block</p>
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School Response to any issues raised

- + Drawing out of worksheets- I know this was an issue and we will focus our teaching of ICT skills to ensure the children know how to save the worksheets onto their google drive to allow them to input their answer onto the worksheet as a google document.
- + Live lessons were offered in all classes however some were given more than others. Staff were always on hand to support children via email, messenger or a phone call request where the class teacher could offer 1:1 video meets on their google classroom.
- + The school has a focus on health and wellbeing and will support all our children emotionally during the transition from home school learning to being back in the classroom.
- + Transition information will be made available as soon as we can, we are currently working with the local authority and secondary schools to ensure all children are given the appropriate transition that the Scottish Government restrictions allow.
- + All learning needs will be met and as a school we will ensure that there will be, as always, a close school and home partnership working.
- + Head Teacher has spoken to the class teacher regarding engagement discussions on the live meets.
- + Ongoing communication with class teachers- we know that the past year has been difficult for everyone and our previous 'open door policy' is unable to operate how we would like. However, as it has always been with communication, please contact the school office should you wish to speak to the class teachers as we always try our best to be available. Recently we have asked that all class teachers escort your child to the school gate where if you or they need to have a quick chat it is easy for you to do so.

Two questions were multiple choice and the results can be seen below:

During this period of school closure we made changes on how your child/children interacted with their teacher and learning such as class meets, live/recorded lesson, interactive classrooms.

Choose all that were helpful to your child.

[More Details](#)

● Class Meets	14
● Live Lessons	6
● Recorded Lessons	6
● Interactive Classroom	5



Do you feel you child has made progress in their learning during this time?

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● Yes	8
● No	2
● Unsure	4

