



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all managed to have a lovely time with close family at Christmas.

Firstly, I would like to thank you so much for your patience and speedy responses. As I'm sure you can imagine, however well planned you are there are always things that you have not thought about! Including a power cut that has left us without internet access since 11am – hence the lack of communication with you all, it never rains.....

However, back to school. We are pleased to let you know that St Joseph's will be opening their virtual classrooms on Wednesday the 6th January!

School will remain open for vulnerable children and children who have key worker parents. Teachers, as long as they are well and able, will be teaching from school, supported by a teaching assistant.

Whilst this has been planned for, putting plans into practise will be a steep learning curve for us all – please support us and bear with us as we work together to develop this new way of learning.

Tomorrow morning children who are joining their class from home for registration at 8.50am. The class teachers will manage their class from there.

Please can I remind you about the code of conduct document that was sent out last term.

http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com/website/remote_learning_/517924

Parents and children must:

- Parents should wear suitable clothing - not pyjamas, as should everyone else in the household.
- Children can choose to wear either school PE kit or school uniform.
- Parents are expected to be around during their child's online lessons; this does not necessarily need to be on the screen, but ideally in the same room.
- Any computers used should be in appropriate areas, for example, not in bedrooms and, where possible, be against a neutral background
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background.
- Videos may be muted for both pupils and staff if other children in the household become unsettled or cause a disruption.
- Should be aware of the other children in the classroom and that they might see or hear them within the class
- Monitor child's internet use and check that they are using technology safely

- Check online protection systems to ensure their time online is as safe as possible.
- Check that the child understands the task they have been set. If not, give them help and support where required
- Ensure that the children have a suitable amount of time away from the screen in the day
- Send a photo/scan of the child's work to the Class Teacher by the deadline that is set so that they are able to give feedback. Any late submissions may not get a response from the class teacher.
- Not use TEAM log in details to communicate with anyone other than the Class Teacher and only when directed to do so during live sessions

Please note, if your child is late for the session this will cause disruption, please ensure that they are on time.

We will look forward to beginning our virtual learning with your child in the morning!

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Howells
Acting Headteacher