



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all safe and well. As you know, on 10th May the Prime Minister outlined his plans to begin a phased return of children to schools in a way that is measured, reduces risk and is guided by the science in respect of COVID-19. Last week, we received further guidance from the Department for Education outlining the measures schools should put in place as we plan to welcome more children back to school. This was supplemented by information sent out to us by the Local Authority SHE (Safety, Health and Environment) unit.

Therefore, I wanted to update you with some changes that we will be making to 'home learning.' First and foremost, no work will be set during the half term week (Monday 25th-Friday 29th June) so that children and families can have a well-deserved break. From the 1st of June, for children in YR, Y1 and Y6 who remain at home, you will be sign posted to Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> and BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> as well as being provided with a 'suggested timetable.' Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 home learning will continue in a similar format as it is currently. However, for all work set, you will be provided with answers to enable you to mark the work at home. This is because ALL staff will be on site and working with small groups of children, planning for, and responding to, the children that are in school. From **22nd May at 3pm** onwards, please do not email any work for feedback as it cannot be provided. All enquiries/questions about learning, from 1st June, need to go to slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk. However, we do thoroughly enjoy your 'Tweets' so please keep them coming in!

Parents and carers of children who are returning in YR, Y1 and Y6, as well as Key Workers' children, will receive further information and a detailed road map (which will also be on the school website) in due course.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Wendy D'Arcy
Headteacher

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