



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers

On the 30th September, the Secretary of State issued a new legal requirement for schools: The Coronavirus Act 2020 provision of remote Education (England). The Act states that where a class, group of pupils or individuals need to self-isolate, or there are local or national restrictions requiring pupils to remain at home, schools are expected to provide immediate access to remote education.

Over the past term staff and governors have been working hard to develop our strategy in trying to ensure that in any possible scenario our children continue to learn and be successful. This has included understanding your child's ability to access remote learning from home. Please see below our intended provision.

Possible situations	Remote provision at St Joseph's
1 Your child is off school with symptoms waiting for a test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your child is unwell and is not expected to do any school workYour child is well enough to do school work, they become a 'virtual' member of the class and are able to join their class via their class TEAM.
2 Child off school, family isolating for 14 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Class teachers will continue to teach in class.Your child/children will be able to live stream into their classroom to join the teaching and learning virtually via their class TEAM.Your child/children will send their work to teachers via TEAMS and where appropriate, teachers will respond/give feedback.
3 Teacher self-isolating for 14 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your child's class teacher will deliver lessons to her class from home via TEAMS.Class teachers will follow as normal a school timetable as possible.The class teaching assistant will support the children during the lessons in the classroom at school.
4 Bubble closes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Class teachers will deliver lessons to their class through their class TEAM. This may be live and or pre-recorded depending on which is most appropriate.A timetable for the week will be set in the class channel.Your child will be able to access TEAMS from home using their own unique email and password.Class teaching assistants join the class during these lessons and will support a group/individuals as directed by the class teacher.All lesson input will be recorded and posted in the class team so that if your child has restricted access, they are able to access the same learning as their peers at a different time.

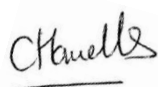
5 School closes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Teachers will deliver lessons to their class through their class TEAM. This may be live or pre-recorded depending on which is more appropriate. • Teachers set a time table in TEAMS at the start of the week. Teaching will be as close to a normal teaching week as possible. • Children will access TEAMS from home using their own unique email and password or at school if they are a key worker child. • Teaching Assistants will be on a rota supporting key worker children or joining their class and will support a group/individuals as directed by the class teacher.
6 Teachers off sick and unable to teach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If school is open, cover will be provided where possible in school, TA's will follow a home learning page prepared by the class teacher. • If school is closed, parents and children will be directed to a home learning page on the school website using specific Oak Academy lessons.

As I am sure you can imagine, this ambitious offer has required a lot of work and training over the past term. For further details please see our remote learning tab on the school website.

Already, most parents/carers used their child's class TEAM for parents evening and most children have accessed their class team and completed a challenge over half term. It is vitally important that you inform us if you are having issues accessing your child's class TEAM so that we can resolve this before it is necessary for your child to use it. As COVID cases are increasing in the local area, I am sure that it will only be a matter of time before we will be putting our plans into action.

Further training and preparation for staff will continue this term. Until we are actually in the position of putting policy into practise, we are unable to anticipate all possible hurdles to overcome. As with everything, the more that you do it the better you become...please bear with us, especially if your children are among the first to access remote learning – your honest feedback is important in helping us to get it right. Whatever our future learning is, we are confident that with your support and patience, together we will be successful!

Yours sincerely



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