



St Joseph's
Catholic Primary School



18 January, 2021

Dear Families,

Once again we are sorry that not all of our children are able to attend school.

Thank you for your patience and support as we move from in-school learning to home learning. This is a very different way of operating and it challenges us all in many different ways.

Staff are working incredibly hard to ensure we can provide quality remote learning whilst also supporting children who continue to attend school.

We hope that families can engage with remote learning as fully as possible but, please be assured, we are very well aware of the pressure and challenge this presents for families at home. We are all here to help and support in any way we can.

Children in Early Years are able to access tasks and activities using Class Dojo and Tapestry.

Children in Years 1 -6 can access their work using Microsoft Teams.

All work and activities set by teachers is available on our school website under the 'Home Learning' tab on the Home page. Paper copies of work packs are available from the school office.

Due to the increased number of children attending school compared to the first lockdown/ partial opening last March, all available staff are working their usual hours in school. However, ALL of our children are important to us and teachers are on hand throughout the day to respond to queries any children may have about their learning.

We have a small number of laptops to give out to families whose children are working at home. These will be given to those families who have requested a laptop and fulfil the criteria (priority is given to those children on Free School Meals).

We are also happy to supply stationery - paper, pencils etc: available for collection from school.

The response from families has been great, both to the work activities offered and the communication either by telephone, email or Teams. We are continually reviewing our home learning and welcome your feedback.

Thank you for your support, understanding and patience as we all find our way around these new learning platforms and different ways of learning. In line with our Mission Statement, once again we find ourselves learning together as we explore these different learning styles - a new and (hopefully) positive experience for everyone!

Stay safe and stay well,

God Bless,

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