



# St. Oswald's R.C. Primary School



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Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

I wrote to you last week detailing our plan to roll out some live curriculum teaching sessions across the school. We thought that the more formal live sessions would complement the less formal Friday Catch-ups. Feedback from teachers, children and parents this week has indicated that they have been a great success. The number of children taking part in the sessions from every year group has been superb which is very pleasing – thank you so much for your support in helping to facilitate this.

Teaching children in class and at home simultaneously is something that is very new (and different) for teachers but the way that they have embraced it has been fantastic – they have been amazing! We are always looking at ways to extend our remote learning provision and, I hope you agree, this has been a really positive step towards doing so.

I also mentioned last week that we have been experiencing some connectivity issues with our internet – we have been working closely with Newcastle City Council and have seen a slight improvement which means that we are going to try to offer more live sessions next week. If the pressures on the system means that lessons are significantly disrupted by doing so, we may have to review our proposed schedule. We hope, however, that this will not be the case.

Please do not feel under pressure that your child should attend every live session – I am very aware that this may not be possible for a multitude of reasons. The sessions are recorded and can be accessed at a more convenient time.

A copy of the timetable for the live sessions next week can be found in the Home Learning section of the school website – if anyone has any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher via the class emails.

Mrs Mooney is going to deliver small group sessions on some afternoons. She will be in contact to let families know which group lesson their child will be invited to participate in.

With the exception of Reception, all of the sessions will be accessible via Microsoft Teams. Mrs Morris and Mrs Wynne will send out a Zoom link to the parents of children in Reception so they can access their sessions next week.

Despite all of our efforts to provide a high quality education for your children when they are not in school, we appreciate that it is no substitute for when the children are all back together. We, like you, hope that this will be very soon.

Thank you once again for your continued support – the children at home are continuing to make great progress across the curriculum as a result of your incredible efforts and help at home.

Another reminder that we have a limited number of school laptops/iPads that families could borrow if you do not have a device at home.

With my very best wishes,



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