

# St John's Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we hope you and your families are well and safe. Whilst we recognise that learning is important, we also value the importance of maintaining a strong, positive health and wellbeing. Please remember that, even though school is currently closed to the majority of children, we are still open. You as families are so important to us so please remember, we are always at the end of the phone if you need to chat or require any support.

## **Our Remote Learning Plan**

I'm sure you're in agreement that none of us predicted another National Lockdown- similar to the one in March- with schools only open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers! As a result, we spent Tuesday re-visiting our 'Remote Learning' policy to ensure the children are able to learn as effectively as possible at home but also to ensure our staff are safe and happy at work.

*Because the school is partially open and we are still providing in-school learning for small numbers of children, we have re-shaped our 'Remote Learning' expectations which will begin fully on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. A timetable will be put on Seesaw.*

***We have been advised by the government, MAT and LA that the learning expectations for this lockdown are very different. Children are expected to complete their daily learning and we need to be encouraging all learning to be completed. We also are required to check and follow up when learning is not completed and provide support where necessary.***

***As always at St. John's, we want to support you in the best way we can!! If you're finding 'Remote Learning' challenging for any reason, please phone school and we can suggest priority subjects. Maths, English, Phonics, Spelling, Science and RE are the core subjects which the children must be completing when scheduled to do so.***

***As a result of all of the above, please see below our expectations:***

### **Which lessons will be taught?**

Reception	Years 1-6
<b>From Monday, each day will have:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Worship (Mon-Weds)</li><li>*Maths</li><li>*English</li><li>*Phonics</li></ul> <b>Across the week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*A Wider Curriculum subject: RE, RHE, Music, Creative or Understanding the World.</li><li>*A Story</li><li>*Celebration Worship (pre-recorded)</li></ul>	<b>From Monday, each day will have:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Worship (Mon-Weds)</li><li>*Maths</li><li>*English</li><li>*Phonics (KS1) or Spelling (KS2) twice or 3 times a week</li></ul> <b>Across the week:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*A Wider Curriculum subject: RE, Science, Topic, Computing, Music, P.E. or RHE</li><li>*A Story</li><li>*Celebration Worship (pre-recorded)</li></ul>

***The paper packs given on Tuesday this week do not need to be finished- please use Seesaw from now on!***

### **How much should I be supporting my child?**

We fully appreciate the challenges of 'home-schooling'. Lots of us have children ourselves and are having to manage working whilst being parents. Before Christmas, the children had practised our Remote Learning approach at school. From Year's 2-6, worked through lessons by themselves (without an adult). We expect them to have a go at this at home too- with some prompts and checks for 'good learning' from you. Our filmed teaches are intended to be the teaching, with limited additional support needed. Our youngest children are likely to need more guidance as it's tricky learning without an adult at times!

### **What if my child is finding the learning tricky?**

If your child is finding an aspect of the learning difficult, please contact school via telephone straight away. This will allow the school to provide support as swiftly as possible.

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## How will the staff respond to the learning?

The year group staff will be responding to your child's learning daily, where possible. This will be through a range of written and verbal comments. If your child would like more detailed feedback, they can add comments under the learning, which the teacher will respond to.

## What does each lesson look like?

Lesson	What will be provided?
<b>Worship</b>	The worship will be a PowerPoint, the same as what is used in school. It would be lovely if you could look through this as a family. It will be scheduled as an activity however, there is no need to send a detailed response back. You can just send it to clear from your child's account. Celebration worship will be pre-recorded and uploaded as an announcement by Mr Watson.
<b>Maths</b>	The teacher will upload a link to them teaching the lesson. Maths lessons at St. John's are taught in 2 parts with 2 outcomes: <b>1. Key Skills</b> and <b>2. Main Teach Focus</b> For <b>Key Skills</b> , there is a bronze, silver and gold key skills task. Children must complete one of these. For the <b>Main Teach</b> , there is also a bronze, silver and gold task. Children must also complete one of these. At school, they are encouraged to challenge themselves! Both the key skills and main teach tasks are located on the PowerPoints attached to the activities.
<b>English, Science and R.E.</b>	Like Maths, the teacher will upload a link to them teaching the lesson and the children will complete the learning in their books. For all learning in books, please can the children take a photo and upload it.
<b>Computing</b>	Teachers will upload the lesson's PowerPoint and any tasks that may need completing. This may be a reflection or a link to an online task. Please don't worry if your child is unable to access some of the Computing sessions.
<b>RHE- Relationships and Health Education</b>	Teachers will upload a link to them teaching the lesson. This will be mainly reflection-based with an exit question that we would like the children to complete on whiteboards and send back to us via Seesaw. This might be a lesson that you might like to complete together but is not necessary.
<b>Topic- History, Geography, Art, Design and Technology</b>	Teachers will upload a link to them teaching the lesson. As our topic books follow a certain style, we felt it would be easier for them to complete tasks on Seesaw, rather than in their books. The range of outcomes may differ (e.g. research, mapwork, drawing, writing), depending on the subject focus for that lesson.
<b>Music</b>	In Year's 2 and 6, the teacher will be making use of our Music scheme, Charanga, which can be accessed by the children at home. In all other year groups, Mrs Neat will be uploading a link to her teaching the lesson. Outcomes for this lesson may be practical or written on whiteboards
<b>PE</b>	PE will be set as an activity on SeeSaw by Mr Chatland. He will be teaching the children the next part of their P.E. curriculum, in line with the National Curriculum. Tasks can be uploaded by photo/video.
<b>Story</b>	We really value reading for pleasure at our school. That is why, each day, your child will be able to hear their teacher read aloud to them. This will be set as an activity as it allows the teachers to schedule the sections in advance. There is no expectation for your child to respond to this but please feel free to send it back to clear the activity your end.
<b>Spellings- Year 2-6</b>	The first spelling session will include a link to the teacher sharing new spelling rules. There will also be a spelling test using the previous week's words. Please upload these as a photo on Seesaw. The second session will include a link to the teacher exploring the spelling rule in further detail. The children will be required to complete learning on whiteboards or in their spelling books and take a photo for their teacher on Seesaw.
<b>Phonics-YrR and Yr1</b>	Teachers will upload a link of them teaching phonics. Children will be encouraged to respond with speaking, reading and writing the sounds and words taught. They can use their whiteboards to do this.

Thank-you as always for your continued support. The next few weeks remain uncertain so it is important that you look after yourselves and the members of your family. We'll be in touch as regularly as we can!

Many thanks,  
Mr Watson  
Headteacher

Miss Smalldon  
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Henderson  
Assistant Headteacher