

What will be our approach to Feedback and Marking if a child or year group self-isolates?

Teachers will be 'on duty' to give feedback to children between 8.30am and 3pm. There will also be dedicated 'Shine Time' between 1pm and 2pm each day where your child's teacher will be online to provide more direct feedback. Parents can also check-in with teachers via the messaging section if needed. Please make use of this time.

Following analysis from the Parent Council questionnaire, it was evident that verbal feedback was greatly received by the children during 'Lockdown'.

As a result, we have decided that all learning for English, Maths, Topic, R.E. and Science will be responded to with voice messages, as close to point of learning as possible. All other learning will be responded to with a simple, written acknowledgement.

Teachers will endeavour to address misconceptions and these will be communicated to children in a positive way.

We will be encouraging the children to ask questions to the teacher if they are finding parts of the learning challenging. We thank you for your support in advance with this.

Sometimes, another adult in school may respond to the learning as they teach the children for a specific subject. Our expectations will remain the same. If the class teacher becomes unwell, another member of staff will respond to the learning.

Who can I contact if I have any questions?

If you have a question or query regarding our Remote Learning curriculum offer, please contact Miss Smalldon (Deputy Headteacher and Curriculum Leader) via email: sarah_smalldon@stjohns.covmat.org

If you have a query or concern regarding your child's wellbeing or learning needs, please contact Mrs Henderson (Assistant Headteacher, Inclusion Leader and SENDCo) via email: sara_henderson@stjohns.covmat.org

Mr Watson is always available to discuss any queries or concerns via email: gary_watson@stjohns.covmat.org
We know it continues to be a tricky time for you and your child. Please remember we are always here to support you as a family. Together, we shine!



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A Guide to our Reception Remote Learning Offer

2020/2021



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What is 'Remote Learning'?

Remote Learning is when the teacher and child are separated and the child is learning at home, rather than in the classroom

Why is it important now?

We hope to have all children learning at St. John's for the entire academic year however, if Public Health England advise us to close a 'Year Group' bubble, the expectation is that the children in that year group will self-isolate and learn at home.

Our Remote Learning Review

As well as enabling the children at our school to flourish pastorally through our core vision and values, the attainment and progress of each and every child at our school is also very important to us. As you are aware, during the national Lockdown, each teacher provided daily lessons on Seesaw.

We have reviewed the outcomes of the Parent Questionnaire as well as email and telephone feedback we received during the lockdown. We have also spoken to staff and a sample of children informally. Overall, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Lots of parents have said that our Remote Learning offer was of a significantly higher quality than other schools in Coventry.

Of course, we recognise that there are always ways we can improve so we have reviewed our approach in line with changing government guidelines and made further amendments to offer a more focused approach.

Please read on to hear about these!

REMOTE LEARNING FOR INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN

When might an individual child/siblings have to self-isolate?

A child may have to self-isolate if:

1. They have Covid-19 symptoms and is awaiting a test result.
2. A family member has Covid-19 symptoms
3. They are advised to by the 'Track and Trace' programme

What is our 'Remote Learning' approach if a child displays symptoms and is in need of a Covid-19 test?

The average time it takes for Covid-19 results to come back is currently 2-3 days. Please send Mr Watson and Miss Smalldon an email as soon as the results come back!

For each day of absence: Children will have a day to complete Reading Eggs, Fast Phonics, Reading books, name writing and Maths.

Email your child's teacher if you would like guidance on this.

What is our 'Remote Learning' approach if a family is contacted by Test and Trace and asked to self-isolate for 14 days?

Day 1 of absence: Children will have a day to complete Reading Eggs, Fast Phonics, Reading books, name writing and Maths.

Day 2 onwards: Teachers will email parents all Activities and Resources to be completed on a weekly basis— these will include reading, writing, maths, creative learning. We ask that all learning is completed and recorded on Seesaw!

If a class is required to self-isolate for 2 weeks, the Reception teacher will teach the following on Seesaw:

- Name writing
- Maths (carpet time)
- Base time (carpet time) including R.E.
- Phonics
- P.E.
- Reading for Pleasure



REMOTE LEARNING FOR A YEAR GROUP

When might an entire year group have to self-isolate?

A year group may have to self-isolate if the school has been advised to by Public Health England. This is likely to be linked to positive Coronavirus cases by children or staff on the school site.

What is our 'Remote Learning' approach if a year group is advised to self-isolate for a period of time?

If parents are called to collect the children during the school day, the children will take home a paper learning pack for the first day, see below.

All other learning will be completed on Seesaw— this will be via a photo, video or editing a template. We are very aware that not all templates were accessible during the lockdown so the teachers will try hard to reduce difficulties with this. With all learning, the teacher will record themselves modelling how the outcome should look; hopefully, this will make things easier for you too! We know things can be tricky, we'll support as best we can!

All children will be provided with a small whiteboard and pen to complete phonics and other tasks. We considered 'live' learning but feel that this approach is better for our school.

On the first full day of whole class remote learning:

—Children are encouraged to complete their year group paper work pack.

—On this day, the teacher will be working very hard to prepare learning for Day 2. It will be very challenging for him/her to switch from teaching in class to teaching remotely from home so we thank-you in advance for your support with this.

From Day 2 until the year group returns to school:

—Your child's teacher will teach a full curriculum on Seesaw with all subjects covered as per the normal year group timetable.

—Learning will be scheduled for 9am each day.

—Learning will be pitched to the curriculum objectives and there will be challenges to extend. Please do send a message to your child's teacher if they are finding the learning too easy or too hard.