## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Remote Learning Plan (updated January 2021)













The current situation in schools is challenging and we appreciate all parental support in engaging with the Covid-19 testing where needed. Under the DFE guidance, it is clear that children have a right to their education – in school or at home. Children working from home or of Key workers in school who are ill would not be expected to complete the work; the focus here is getting better as would always be the case with any absence related to illness.

In order to ensure that learning is continued, irrespective of lockdown and self-isolation, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has developed the following plan. This plan offers remote learning opportunities whilst also acknowledging that some households have limited access to devices and would require hard-copies of work and resources.

This plan will be applied in the following instances:

- 1. A National Lockdown of schools has been put in place and school is closed to all except the children of Key workers;
- 2. An individual is self-isolating because of a positive test within the household;
- 3. A group of children are self-isolating because of a case of coronavirus in the bubble;
- 4. A whole bubble or cohort is self-isolating because of an outbreak of coronavirus.

The plan complies with the expectations and principles outlined in the DFE document Guidance for Full Opening of Schools.

## Software and online platforms

Within all plans, teachers will set, via ParentMail, appropriate work in-line with our current curriculum, primarily supplemented by a range of resources provided by Oak Academy and White Rose Maths.

Home Learning packs are sent out at the start of each week which include all necessary resources for that week's learning. The learning packs are designed so that it is not essential that paper copies of the worksheets are needed. For families that have no access to online platforms, we will endeavour to find a device or paper copies of th work set will be provided as an alternative. A daily video link via YouTube will be made by the class teacher which offers explanations of the new content, targeted questioning and opportunity to follow a collective worship session.

Oak Academy has been selected to supplement remote learning for a number of reasons. The Oak Academy lessons are in-line with our teaching ethos – they encourage the use of retrieval practice, explicit teaching with high quality modelling, and the use of deliberate practice. The online lessons are free to all and offer a recorded taught session so that the children can access physical teaching from a teacher and then access work relating to that lesson within the same website. There are also hundreds of lessons specifically aimed at children with SEND needs and requiring additional support.

White Rose Maths resources will be used as they are matched to our current maths curriculum model. Children are very used to seeing these resources. We use the White Rose Maths approach in school for our daily Maths lessons so this will allow for seamless continuation of the learning they would be doing in school.

Purple Mash, TT Rockstars, Oxford Owl and Lexia (allocated pupils) will all be utilised to support the acquisition and retention of basic core skills. These online subscriptions are accessible to all pupils, every child has a personalised log in for these resources and copies of these have been sent home.

We have also encouraged parents to email their child's year group email address e.g. <a href="mailto:yr6@stjosutton.net">yr6@stjosutton.net</a> if they have a query for their child's class teacher to answer. This allows for easy communication between parents and teachers as we know that the current lack of face-to-face contact each day is not our usual approach and difficult for some parents to adjust to. Throughout the last school closure, ParentMail was used successfully to communicate with parents, as were weekly school and class newsletters. News and important information will continue to be sent out as part of the Home learning packs.

We would also like you to encourage your child to access the weekly mass streamed from Holy Trinity Catholic Church as this is part of your child's usual routine. It can be accessed via www.htrc.org.uk

In the event of any form of lockdown, isolation or any other loss of learning caused by Coronavirus, parents must understand that engagement in home learning is compulsory, as is the expectation that St Joseph's Catholic Primary School makes that provision available and accessible to all. However, if children themselves are too ill to attend then they should not be expected to engage in home learning.

In preparation for home-learning, parents and children have received logins and passwords for the following platforms:

- TT Rockstars / Numbots
- Purple Mash
- Lexia (For allocated pupils)
- Oxford Owl

#### Worksheets and Practical Resources

We have prepared paper packs for all year groups to ensure that home learning is immediately available for those individuals needing to isolate. If a child is isolated from school i.e. the child is sent home from school to either receive a test or self-isolate as someone in the household is being tested, we will endeavour for them to leave school with a pack of work. This ensures that children have immediate access to home learning, continuing their learning despite the need to isolate. The work packs will be basic skills work that would be relevant at any stage of the year e.g. arithmetic, spelling, reading, writing (with a visual prompt) and handwriting. Please see below for information regarding a National Closure of schools.

## Remote Learning

Pupil needs to isolate because of a National Closure of Schools to all but Key Workers	
School role:	Parental role:
Home Learning packs will be sent out via Parent Mail each week. A daily YouTube video link will accompany the Home learning pack. This will be sent out via Parent Mail. Tasks to be adjusted in response to questions or assessments that have occurred.	Support your child in engaging with the learning provided by school and to send in your child's work via the class email address. To use the class email address for any queries regarding the work set.
A member of staff from the child's year group or phase will be in weekly contact to discuss the child's engagement in their Home learning. The school will inform the parent immediately if there is a concern.	Support your child in the tasks that are set and to have a responsible adult available to answer any calls.
The Children of Key Workers will receive the same learning packs in school with the support of a Teacher.  If academic assistance or support is needed, an email to the class teacher via the year group email address allows for direct contact with your child's class teacher. They will reply as quickly as they possibly can within the hours of their school working day (8:30am-4pm). All non-academic enquires to be sent to the enquiry@stjosutton.net	Key worker parents of children who are expected in school and have developed symptoms of Coronavirus to ensure a test has been taken and to make sure that test results are communicated quickly to <a href="mailto:enquiry@stjosutton.net">enquiry@stjosutton.net</a> If your child is entitled to free-school meals, a fortnightly hamper can be collected via the school office.
Pupil needs to isolate because someone in their household is symptomatic or tests positive	
School role:	Parental role:
Paper based home learning packs will be provided by school. These can be returned in one of two ways: in paper form at the end of the isolation period or electronically via the enquiry email address.  The children will receive work via ParentMail and Purple Mash from their class teacher with daily tasks for English, Maths and the Foundation subjects that would be taught that day.	Support your child in engaging with the learning provided by school.  Parents to ensure a test has been taken and to make sure that test results are communicated quickly to <a href="mailto:enquiry@stjosutton.net">enquiry@stjosutton.net</a>

If academic assistance or support is needed, an email to the class teacher via the year group email address allows for direct contact with your child's class teacher. They will reply as quickly as they possibly can within the hours of their school working day (8am-4pm). All non-academic enquires to be sent to the enquiry@stjosutton.net

If the child is entitled to free-school meals, packed lunches can be provided by the school kitchen. These will be available for contact-free collection from the front of school at 12 midday.

### A group of children are self-isolating because of a case of coronavirus potentially affecting their class bubble

# Paper based home learning packs will be provided by school to allow home learning to begin instantly and to support those who may have limited access to devices/wifi. These can be returned in one of two ways: in paper form at the end of the isolation period or electronically via the enquiry email.

School role:

The children will receive work via ParentMail and Purple Mash from their class teacher with daily tasks for English, Maths and the Foundation subjects that would be taught that day.

This work may include links to Oak National Academy, White Rose Maths or other online learning resources. Expectations for the tasks which children need to be complete will be shared by the class teacher. Work completed can be submitted via the enquiry email FOA the child's class teacher.

Support your child in engaging with the learning provided by school.

If requested by school, or if your child develops symptoms during their period of self-isolation, please take your child for a test and communicate the results quickly to <a href="mailto:enquiry@stjosutton.net">enquiry@stjosutton.net</a>

Parental role:

If the child is entitled to free-school meals, packed lunches can be provided by the school kitchen. These will be available for contact-free collection from the front of school at 12 midday.