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Distance Learning from Monday 18th January

14th January 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to all those who joined our live check-in sessions this week. It was wonderful to be able to see the children and try out some of the tools that we will be using in our live lessons next week. There are still around 15 families who haven't signed the agreement. The agreement must be read and signed for safeguarding reasons. You can find the agreement to sign by using the QR at the top of the letter or using this link: <https://forms.gle/aHsXXrSsn36To32Q9>

From Monday 18th January, we will introduce one live session a day (either Maths or English/phonics), to begin with. All other lessons will continue to be provided on Seesaw asynchronously. The length of these sessions will depend on the age of the children in the class. For Foundation Phase pupils live sessions will be around 10 to 20 minutes per lesson. For pupils in Key Stage 2, live lessons might be between 20 to 40 minutes. Pupils will be asked to complete independent activities following the live session.

At the end of week beginning 18th January, we will review the success and difficulties of the live sessions with staff and with parents to consider any changes we need to make.

Next week, your child's learning will follow a timetable similar to the exemplar timetable below. Your child's class teacher will upload their own version of the timetable on Monday morning. Marked on the timetable will be the focus of the live session that day. You can find the resources for Christian Meditation and the Daily Examen in your child's class folder on Hwb.

Example timetable for Week Beginning 18.1.21

Day of the Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activity 1	Maths (Live on MS Teams at ...)	Maths	Maths (Live on MS Teams at ...)	Maths	Maths (Live on MS Teams at ...)
Activity 2	English	English (Live on MS Teams at ...)	English	English (Live on MS Teams at ...)	English
	<i>Mrs Taylor's Act of Worship</i>	<i>Christian Meditation</i>	<i>Daily Examen</i>	<i>Christian Meditation</i>	<i>Daily Examen</i>
Activity 3	RE	Domain	RE	Domain	<i>Teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment time</i>
Activity 4	Welsh/ IT	Complete an activity from the Learning at Home grid which includes Health and Wellbeing, Expressive Arts and Physical Development, an independent learning project or a consolidation/ extension activity from hwb			

The daily timetable for live lessons will be:

9.00 Reception
9.30 Year 1
10.00 Year 4
10.30 Nursery (both classes Monday and Friday)
11.00 Year 6
12.00 Year 3
13.00 Year 5
13.30 Nursery (both classes Tuesday and Thursday)
14.00 Year 2

Your child will have their live lesson at the same time, every day. We are aware that many families are sharing devices and that parents have their own work commitments, so we hope that this regularity will help ease these difficulties. Please don't worry if your child is unable to attend the live session, or indeed, doesn't want to. The live sessions will be recorded and saved in the secure Hwb class folder for pupils to access at any point during the day.

When taking part in a live session, please remind and help your child to:

- Try their best to be on time.
- Have learning materials to hand, for example, paper, pencil, ruler etc.
- Charge their digital device ready for the session.
- Be well behaved and respectful of others, as they would in class.
- Be dressed appropriately for all sessions (this includes on photos and videos that they upload to Seesaw as part of their learning).
- Ensure that they are in a suitable location and, if they can, change their background.
- Not to take or share images or recordings of the session or lesson with anyone.

Teachers will continue to be available between 9am and 3pm each day. You can contact your child's class teacher at the class email address e.g. reception@stjosephsrc.com, Mrs Buckland or myself in the school office – stjosephsps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or Mrs Dunstan, our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator, at ALNCO@stjosephsrc.com.

If you have any questions about the distance learning provision for next week, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stay safe and God Bless.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Taylor