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Distance Learning from Wednesday 6th January

5th January 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you are aware, pupils will be provided with distance learning activities to complete at home from Wednesday 6th January to at least Monday 18th January.

Over the course of the autumn term, staff received training in a number of software programmes that will enhance our distance learning provision such as the use of Seesaw and Loom. We have also updated our Remote Learning Guidance with the aim of ensuring consistency in the school's approach to remote learning and setting out expectations for all members of the school community.

From tomorrow your child's class teacher will:

- Provide a welcome message and outline a timetable of activities for the week including Maths, English, Domain, RE, Welsh and Physical Development.
- Upload 4 learning activities to Seesaw by 7pm the evening before. These learning activities will reflect the curriculum we work towards in school including our Singapore Maths Scheme, English skills unit, Domain units and Religious Education programme.
- Activities to complete will be signposted in Seesaw but pupils may be given a link to follow which will take them to their Hwb class folder. This will particularly be the case for access to teaching videos, voice-over PowerPoints and other large files. Learning activities will include a range of online and offline tasks.
- Teachers will be available between 9am and 3pm each day. You can contact your child's class teacher through the year group email address e.g. year2@stjosephsrc.com. Teachers will also respond to pupils' questions and feedback on work uploaded to Seesaw.

In addition, Mrs Taylor will upload a Collective Worship to share together on Friday 8th January and Monday 11th January. The resources to participate in Christian Meditation and the Daily Examen are also in your child's class folder on Hwb. A check-in phone call will be made to the families on our Additional Learning Needs register.

Friday 15th January will continue to be an INSET day. This could be rescheduled as school is closed but my preference is that we continue with the day as planned rather than reschedule it to a day later in the term when face-to-face learning is possible again. As a result, teachers will not be providing learning activities or be available to feedback on work on Friday 15th January as they will be taking part in Professional Development.

Last term, teachers also received training in effective ways to deliver synchronous (live) teaching. In the event that school closure for the majority of our pupils will continue past 18th January (or again in the future), I will be sending further information to you later this week about how we will use Microsoft Teams for this purpose and a Home Learning Agreement which you need to 'sign' before your child can take part in live online sessions in the future.

St Joseph's is open every day so if you need anything to support your child's learning at home, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Taylor