

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Dear Parents,

We hope you are all safe and well and we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers

We have been thinking about you all. We miss seeing everyone at school very much and we are really looking forward to the time when we are all back together.

We are also keeping in our prayers all of our families who have loved ones who are poorly at this time and we are praying especially for those of you have suffered the sad loss of loved ones. We are very, very sorry for anyone who is in sadness or difficulty at this time and we promise we are all really thinking of you.

A new pack of work for the next two weeks – plus some VERY useful online learning links

The staff of the school have today hand delivered this letter and a work pack for the next two weeks. There is no expectation that your child will have to complete the whole pack but we hope some of it will be useful. See below for other new resources.

NEW excellent quality resource for daily online lessons for each year group funded by the government – The National Academy

The government has funded an excellent new online resource for all year groups where you can access 3 new lessons per day. It is easy to use and provides good quality lessons every day.

We REALLY recommend using this excellent resource.

Here's how to access it:

- 1, Go to **thenational.academy**
- 2, Select **online classroom**
- 3, Select your child's **year group**
- 4, Select the **day of the week** e.g. Monday
- 5, You will then find **3 very good quality daily lessons** to work through **every day of the week.**

Another NEW excellent quality resource has launched today from the BBC: BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons

The BBC is also providing three daily lessons for all year groups, every day of the week during school closures. The lessons are supported by programmes on BBC iplayer and BBC red button. It's all very easy to use.

Here's how to access it:

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- 1, Go to **bbc.co.uk/bitesize**
- 2, You should see Daily Lessons Are Here – click on **start a lesson**
- 3, Select your child's **year group**
- 4, You will then find **3 very good quality daily lessons** to work through **every day of the week**

How much work should my child be doing?

Between the paper pack from school, the national academy and BBC Bitesize, there is **MORE THAN ENOUGH** work to keep your child going and they are **NOT EXPECTED TO DO ALL OF IT!**

It's very important that home learning is **not stressful** for you or your child and you need to take a sensible approach. It's **not** usually practical to expect your child to work for 6 hours a day like they do at school!

The resources that are now available provide you with a **range of options**. The online lessons in particular should be engaging and enjoyable and easy to use. **We would suggest that completing 3 activities per day between BBC Bitesize, the National Academy and our work pack is a reasonable amount to do each day** – but each child and family is different. 6 lessons per day plus the work pack will be **far too much** for most children (and parents!)

Please don't worry about getting behind – as soon as the children come back to school we will very quickly help all of them to catch up.

Anything you can do at home will help to support your child. These new online resources in particular should make any home learning you do much easier and more enjoyable.

We'll be in touch

We will give you a call over the next few weeks to say hello and keep in touch.

Future work packs

Now that the government and BBC are providing good quality online learning we will review the need for paper work packs moving forward and let you know. We'll also ask for your thoughts when we call you.

Stay safe

Stay at home and stay safe. We miss you and we look forward to time when we are all safely back together. With every kind wish,

Mrs S Chapman
Head of School