
St. John's Stonefold C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to see our families and children after the break yesterday and so many smiling faces. Staff were very much looking forward to continuing with face-to-face learning and exciting plans this term.

Unfortunately, following the Government announcement last night, I am writing to inform you that St. John's Stonefold will be moving to remote learning from Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Firstly, please accept my sincere apologies for the lack of texts and emails last night as the Teachers2Parents App crashed across the country.

Key Workers

As in the previous closure, we have offered places for children of key workers who **cannot work from home from 9am and 3pm**. Due to the high volume of requests and our limited availability, we have had to look at each individual request, and we have done our very best under very difficult circumstances to provide places for all essential key workers with limited staff in school. We thank you all for your understanding and patience in this regard. This limited provision will commence from Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Home Learning

If your child is not in school, we will provide daily online learning communicated through SeeSaw. The content will be a continuation of their learning in school and will include new and unfamiliar content. We ask that your child engages with the activities and resources as much as possible so that when they return to school they feel confident in their knowledge and understanding. Unlike in the first lockdown, children are expected to complete remote learning at home. However, we do understand that home learning can be challenging and we are here to support in any way we can so please feel free to contact us at any time.

Overview:

- Children will be set 3-4 hours of learning a day and activities set will take this time so we encourage children not to rush tasks and to ensure they endeavour to complete tasks to the same standard as they would in class.
- Learning at home will be supported by various means – using video, online links, online learning platforms and some direct communication with teachers.
- Children may want to complete tasks in shorter bursts, particularly younger pupils.
- We understand that devices at home may need to be shared but we ask that work is submitted between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

Our **Home Learning Offer** will be published on our school website later this week and guide sheets for our platforms will also be shared through SeeSaw and our website as soon as possible. As mentioned, please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher through SeeSaw with any online learning questions or support required.

Online Learning Resources

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Together with SeeSaw, pupils will be using the following resources to support them in their learning. If you require a reset or password reminder, please get in touch with your child's class teacher through their SeeSaw page.

- Bug Club
- Timestables Rockstars (KS2)
- Our school YouTube channel

Other Free Resources

- Topmarks website- a wealth of subject specific learning activities, especially 'Hit the button', 'Daily ten', for maths learning. www.topmarks.co.uk
- Twinkl website- Twinkl is FREE for the month of January.
- Various education based websites, e.g. BBC, Oak Academy

Free School Meals

We are awaiting further guidance from the Local Authority with regards to the organisation of the Free School Meals provision this term. We will be in touch over the course of this week, as we know more.

We again wish to thank you in advance for your support in working alongside us to enable your child's education to continue to flourish.

If you have any questions regarding your child's work then please message your child's class teacher on Seesaw or contact the school office (office@sjstonefold.com) and they will endeavour to provide support where possible.

Finally, please ensure your child is up to date with online safety protocols and is able to work in a safe and secure environment at home.

We wish all our families all the very best over this challenging time. We will miss our children and encourage them to engage fully with the learning provided each day so that they feel connected to school, our teachers and their friends over the coming weeks.

We continue to be here for you if you need anything – do get in touch – the office continues to operate as normal and Miss Fraser and myself will be working in school throughout the week.

Take care, stay safe and well and we pray that we are back together as a school family as soon as possible.

With every wish for a healthy and happy 2021,

Yours sincerely

Miss Frances Brady
Acting Headteacher