

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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Home Learning Support – Information for Parents & Carers

When will my child need to learn from home?

- If your child has to **self-isolate** because of coronavirus – either individually, or as part of their class
- If your child has to quarantine after a holiday
- If there is a **national or local lockdown** and the school is advised to partially or fully close
- If school is forced to close due to staffing difficulties brought about by COVID-19

What are our aims?

We aim to ensure that our pupils continue to make progress and benefit from high-quality teaching and learning when they are not able to be in school physically.

The following guidelines set out what we will do to support your child remotely, and what we expect of you and your child in order to ensure that they are able to get the most from their home learning.

What will school do?

School staff will:

- Provide an exercise book for children in Years 1 to 6 to record all their work
- Provide extra learning resources (paper, writing materials etc.) for families who require them (please contact the school office to request resources 01207 232624, stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net)
- Provide your child with the necessary details and log-in information for the e-learning resources we ask them to use
- Provide information on how to use Microsoft Teams in order for you and your child to be prepared for home learning, if needed
- Share an overview of the curriculum for each year group (see website class pages- <http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/>)
- Share 'Isolation Project Tasks' for the use of pupils isolating on an individual basis

- In the event of a full bubble closure, a weekly timetable will be uploaded to each class page (<http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/>) with links to online lessons (live or pre-recorded), plans and learning resources.
- Make work available for pupils learning from home and direct them to the necessary online resources
- Mark work submitted by pupils each week
- Provide verbal feedback and address misconceptions through our live Teams teacher led, small group- feedback and support sessions, so that children are able to make progress and feel supported in their learning
- Monitor pupil access and progress on Oxford Reading Buddy, TT Rockstars and, for those pupils who use it, Nessy Reading and Spelling
- Check-in with children who do not engage with our live Teams feedback and support sessions

It is essential that your child engages with home learning. If they do not, we will use the following methods to contact you and provide support:

- Text messages
- Emails
- Phone calls
- Teams meeting if appropriate
- Adapted/additional resources to meet the needs of you and your child, if appropriate

What is my child expected to do?

Pupils will:

- Access home learning opportunities which will be posted on the 'Our Classes' section of our school website in the form of a weekly timetable with links to lessons and resources for learning (or, in the case of individual isolation, 'Isolation Project Tasks') (<http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/>)
- Access remote learning through live and pre-recorded teaching sessions with their class teacher, and any other online lessons and resources they are directed to (Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize, Oxford Reading Buddy, TT Rockstars, Numbots and Charanga).
- Read daily using Oxford Reading Buddy and complete the tasks linked to their book
- Join Microsoft Teams sessions for live teaching and teacher led small group feedback and pastoral sessions, when times are set by their class teachers (during a class bubble isolating or a whole school closure)
- Login and email their work to their class teacher on a Friday using the email address and password supplied by school (Please do not change the password)
- Keep their log-in details safe and secure at all times
- Follow online safety advice they have been provided with in school (parents are responsible for reinforcing and monitoring this)

- Apply the same level of effort and maintain the high standards we expect of their work in school
- Respond to communication and feedback from teaching staff

What can I do to help my child?

Support your child with the points listed above and contact the school office if you require any support in order to do so (01207 232624, stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net).

It is also important that you create a positive environment for your child to learn at home, for example:

- Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, to separate school life and home life
- Designate a working space if possible
- At the end of the day, have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over
- Create and stick to a routine
- Put a timetable up on the wall
- Make time for exercise and breaks throughout the day to keep your child active and to ensure wellbeing
- Reinforce the importance of children staying safe online
- Be aware of what your child is being asked to do, including: sites they will be asked to use and school staff your child will interact with
- Emphasise the importance of a safe online environment. Set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.