

# ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Touching Base

We have now contacted you all to touch base, to see how you are getting on and offer any support. It's been good to talk and it has been a positive, helpful exercise for both the staff and the school community. It has taken over a week to talk to you all but we intend to make contact at the beginning of February. However please do contact us if there is anything we can do at all to help.

## Home Schooling

We have provided more detail about the nature of our home schooling provision. Our model, although not perfect, is based upon the latest research and is considered the most effective. There will be two short assemblies a week. My assembly will be on a Friday and we will be working with the Diocesan School Officer Mr Harrington who shall provide some worship on a Monday.

## Free School Meals

Thank you to Mrs Tess Evans for our wonderful packed lunches that pupils in receipt of free school meals have received and to the **Helping Hands Charity** and other volunteers who have delivered them. (They have been very well received and have been of the highest quality). The voucher system has now been reinstated so these meals shall be discontinued and vouchers will be sent out for the four weeks from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February. Vouchers will be distributed during the week of 18<sup>th</sup> January.

## Barnardo's support for parents

Barnardo's have developed a support hub for parents where they will be able to find a range of resources, tools and videos to help support their child's journey back to school.

[www.barnardos.org.uk/support-hub/back-to-school](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/support-hub/back-to-school)

With school closed and children at home, access to the internet is more important than ever. It has recently been publicised in the news that others forms of media can be used to access the internet. Specifically, if you own an Xbox One or PS4, you can use it to access the internet and any e-learning the school has provided. Details can be found at the end of the newsletter on how to do this.

**Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.**



## **Remote Education Provision:**

Your child will be taught the same curriculum remotely as we do in school whenever possible and appropriate.

However we may need to make some adaptations in some subjects.

At St Laurence's we aim to deliver a Blended Learning approach to our Remote Education: a mix of face to face and remote methods. For example the learning for a lesson may be introduced by the class teacher through a short video clip or a video produced by another educational provider, such as the Music Service or BBC Bite size; the children are then supported remotely by the class teacher acting as a tutor, responding and giving feedback.

The quality of learning will depend of the level of engagement and feedback.

## **Remote Teaching**

At the beginning of each week an overview of learning activities, in the form of a timetable, will be shared with each pupil. This will enable you to plan the learning for the day.

The level of engagement for each child will be monitored on a daily basis and if we have concerns we shall contact you to see how we can help.

During lockdown, we shall use the following key platforms for remote learning:

- Seesaw
- Oak National Academy
- BBC Bitesize
- My Maths
- SPAG.com
- [Rockalingua.com](https://www.rockalingua.com) (Spanish)

Each day, a minimum of four activities will be placed onto Seesaw for pupils to complete: one English, one Maths and two Foundation Subjects; this may also include phonics activities (for younger pupils) and reading.

Older pupils (Key Stage Two), will have approximately 4 hours of learning a day whereas infants should expect to spend 3 hours engaging in their work. These are guidelines so do not worry if your child isn't always able to do this. It is the quality of learning not the quantity that counts.

Pupils and parents are expected to work together, where possible, to complete these activities. Staff will endeavour to offer pupils a variety of activities and offer a good coverage of the whole curriculum.

To ensure that all pupils are exposed to an appropriate level of challenge, Staff will ensure:

- where needed, differentiated activities will be provided (Seesaw and My Maths allow you to target pupils with appropriate activities)
- pupils who struggle to type responses will be encouraged to use speech to text software, which is commonly installed on many devices
- If they are struggling with the size of the text boxes they can print off any worksheets and upload them when completed; or take a photo of the work and upload that instead.
- activities do not just require a written response – Seesaw enables pupils to use video, pictures and voice recordings
- packs of work may be produced – if deemed necessary for pupils who are struggling to access remote learning or have Special Educational Needs.
- Textbooks may be made available in some instances

Pupils and parents can expect their work on Seesaw to be responded to by a familiar member of staff (teacher or TA) between the hours of 08:45-16:00.

If your child has been supplied with some printed work, this should be enough for a week: collect the work on the Monday and return the completed work the following Monday to be marked.

Due to the restrictions of managing home learning whilst managing a bubble in school, responses may not always be the same day, however we shall endeavour to respond as swiftly as possible.

**Remote education for self-isolating pupils:**

When all the children do return to school and if individual pupils then need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, the remote education that is provided for those children will differ from the approach for whole groups.

This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school. For most cases a pack of printed work shall be provided.

If you would like to talk to someone for support, even if it is advise on how to establish a daily routine that works for your children, then please do contact us and we shall do what we can to help..

Also if you would like to share some good ideas with other families, then we can facilitate this on our website.

We have included a useful guide for home learning routines to help plan your day.

# Supporting home learning routines

## Planning the day

Consistent routines are important for behaviour and wellbeing in school and our routines at home have changed significantly. Routines support behaviour and you will be finding a new rhythm with your family. You could share this checklist with your child. Talk to them to help them plan their new routines.

The importance of simple approaches as part of a regular routine is key recommendation 4 of the EEF's guidance report

[Improving Behaviour in Schools](#)

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I woke up at a good time.

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I did some exercise.

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I had regular meals and drank water.

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I enjoyed some reading in a quiet space.

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I practised a maths skill.

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I completed some school work at my work space.  
I chunked it so I had some breaks too.

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I talked to my family about my day and how I am feeling.  
I asked them about their day.

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I helped with a household job and talked to my family  
while I did it.

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I contacted my friends.

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I spent some time on my creative hobby.

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My parent/carer told me what I did well.

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My goal:

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My goal:

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## How to use an Xbox or PlayStation for online learning

### For PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (WWW with dots around it).
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller.
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications.
4. Go to applications and you will find the internet browser.
5. Navigate to your online learning platform and log in as usual.

### For Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard into the Xbox USB slot.
2. Go to my games and apps.
3. Find and select Microsoft Edge.
4. Navigate to your online learning platform