



St Jude's Church of England Primary School



On line home learning offer – Autumn 2020

During this uncertain time, schools are required to have systems in place to allow for home learning to take place, under the following circumstances:

- School closure
- A class bubble needing to isolate for 14 days if there is a positive case of coronavirus in the class
- A child returns from a country which requires them to quarantine.

In light of school closures last term, the Department for Education has issued schools with the following guidelines, in preparation for future lockdowns and potential school closures.

They state that schools should:

- Have a strong contingency plan in place for remote provision.
- Provide frequent, clear explanations of new content, delivered by a teacher in the school or through high-quality curriculum resources and/or videos.
- Allow for interaction, assessment and feedback.

As a school, we are committed to being prepared for school closures, and delivering the best possible home learning package to support the children. We will therefore be using the Google Classroom platform for our home learning so that parents and children have the opportunity to practise using it, should we face school closures again. Teachers will set and monitor tasks weekly. The teachers will introduce the children to this platform during their computing lessons so they are familiar with it and will be able to use the tools subsequently for learning across different subjects. Within these lessons, the children will be reminded about the acceptable and safe ways to behave online, as part of our school's e-safety curriculum.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom enables the teachers and children to interact safely online and encourages the children to be more independent. The children will be using technology responsibly to support their learning, guided by teacher instructions and activities.

Teachers will ensure that all our children have a unique, secure Google for Education login for them to access their year group's classroom. The children will have the opportunity to explore the platform and its various functions. These functions will be determined and managed by the school, and will include:

- The teacher being able to assign learning activities for the children to complete. These may be tasks to complete online but may be tasks using other materials away from the computer or screen.
- The children being able to communicate with the teacher and their peers. This can be done within the classroom stream, with the teacher establishing clear rules for how to communicate politely and respectfully.
- The children have a calendar, which reminds them when their assignments are due.
- The children can upload their learning for their class teacher and peers to view.
- The teacher can leave personalised feedback on the children's learning.
- Peer collaboration can occur, with children being able to discuss their learning together and leave feedback.
- The children can access their year group's Google Drive directly from their Google Classroom, as well as being able to use Google Meet to interact with their teacher live. These useful functions will be made available if and when required (for example, if there is a school closure).



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The children have been issued with a Google for Education login in order to access their Google Classroom. These logins allow the children to access the functions described above only, as they have been carefully selected by the school.

Additional support and resources

We are aware that some children may not have access to devices to access on line activities. As a school we are committed to ensuring that all children gain equal access to all home learning activities.

At St Jude's we have:

- ✓ Fully engaged with the DFE offer of free chrome books for children who have a social worker.
- ✓ Laptops available on loan from the CLC that are ready to be shared with children that require them at home.
- ✓ Paper copies of activities and work packs available should these be required
- ✓ A bank of non-screen activities to share with the children, to limit the amount of screen time.

Telephone and email support

We will continue to support families on the telephone through regular check ins with the classteacher, SENDCO and other relevant professionals. The support that we offered during the spring and summer school closures were greatly appreciated by parents, and we would ensure that these continued.



Here are some useful links for parents that you may find useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safeguarding-and-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Staying safe on line

Children at St Jude's are taught about on line safety as part of the computing curriculum. As children will be accessing information on line more during school closures, it is important that parents supervise their children carefully and remain vigilant.



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Here are a selection of websites that share useful information about staying safe on line:

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

