

ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 4th January, St Mary's along with all other schools across the country, have been instructed to move to remote learning and only open to the children of critical workers and those within the vulnerable category.

On Wednesday 6th January, we will be ready to go live with remote learning. This letter will outline our approach but we would also like to invite parents to explanatory Zoom session at 8pm on Wednesday 6th January. By this time you would have had an opportunity to experience home learning and may require some additional support:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87627699526?pwd=VjRxTDNQLzlnV1h0STVmSk1lK0w3dz09>

Meeting ID: 876 2769 9526

Passcode: 2d4TTz

Zoom check-in and check-out

All children should log into the Zoom check-in and check-out each day. This will be an opportunity for teachers to outline the day's learning, answer any questions and also celebrate learning. These sessions will be staggered so that there is no crossover for siblings in different classes. The check-in and check-out sessions will be no more than 10minutes and will mark the beginning and the end of the day.

	Check-in	Check-out
Y5/6	8:30am	3pm
Y3/4	8:45am	3:15pm
Y1/2	9:00am	3:30pm
YR	9:30am	2:30pm

YouTube Lessons

We have elected to share our lessons over YouTube as we feel this is the most accessible platform for our families whether that be on a laptop, tablet, SMART TV or a phone. If you do not have a means of accessing YouTube please contact the school office.

All lessons will be uploaded onto the school YouTube channel: St Marys, Yate (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC1Nznc9hGDG8EOtSp1Hjgg>). We would advise that you subscribe to the channel so that it easy to find. The lessons will be organised into year group or phase playlists so that you are able to find your child's lesson more easily.

EYFS Information**Zoom live lessons**

From Monday 11th January the EYFS children will have a live 'drawing club' as part of their 9:30am check-in and will have a live story time and reflection time as part of their 2:30pm check-out on Zoom.

Every Wednesday afternoon at the check-out we will be hosting a live circle time on zoom in smaller groups rather than a story.

Whiterose, Oak Academy and other websites

All of our maths lessons will be from White Rose, the scheme which we follow in school, where there will be a daily video and an activity to complete.

The lessons provided by Oak Academy cover various curriculum subjects for the full primary age range. The online lessons are free to all and offer a recorded taught session so that children can access virtual teaching from a teacher before accessing work relating to that lesson within the same website. Where teachers believe that lessons from Oak Academy or other websites replicate or compliment what they would have been delivering in school, they will provide links to these sessions.

The EYFS staff will also provide you with some suitable websites and apps that have games your child can play to support and allow them to practice phonic and number skills. We would recommend that children logon to these apps daily. Please contact your child's teacher if you need support accessing these.

Sharing work with your child's teacher

We love seeing what the children have been doing during the day. Please could we ask that you only post ONCE per day showing examples of learning or something you want to share on Tapestry so that we can keep up with them all!

Expectations for the live sessions

We feel that it is helpful to have some protocol around live sessions. Generally speaking, the same rules apply as in the classroom.

- Please try to be on time; if pupils are earlier than the meeting start time, they may have to wait in the waiting room. The sessions are short and if pupils are late, they will miss out.
- Pupils do not need to wear school uniform but need to be dressed appropriately.
- Please ensure, where possible, that there are no distractions in the room such as TV
- Pupils should sit at a desk or a table and have their equipment ready (exercise book, pencil etc.)
- Pupils should have their microphones turned off at the start of the meeting but be ready to turn them on when invited by the teacher.
- Parents should not need to take an active part in the lesson, however, due to the age of your EYFS child, it would be helpful if you can sit near them to help with technology or to encourage concentration.

If you have any questions or require assistance in regards to home learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office.

How we will communicate learning with you

Each week you will receive a timetable providing an overview of each session and any links you may need to access lessons. The YouTube lessons will be filmed throughout the

week and will be loaded on our channel. Teachers will also post links to the YouTube videos on Tapestry.

****You would have received the learning for the remainder of this week along with this letter****

If you have any questions or require assistance in accessing home learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Yours sincerely

Bethan Scriven

Head of School, St Mary's