

ST MARY'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Partnership with St Helen's 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 like to invite parents to an explanatory Zoom session at 8pm on Wednesday 6th January. By this time you would have had an opportunity to experience home learning.

<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 10 minutes 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

English and Maths 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.

Zoom live lessons

Phonics and reading lessons will be conducted over Zoom in smaller groups. Phonics in KS1 will take place multiple times across the week and in KS2 all children will be invited to a weekly guided reading session. You will receive an email from your child's teacher with their lesson time and login information.

Oak Academy and other websites

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.

Spelling Frame and TTRockstars/Numbots

Spelling and number facts are best reviewed little and often. 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 ask that you share photographs of your child's learning with their teacher and teaching assistants via their Dojo Profile. This will enable us to celebrate learning and check if additional support is required. If you need assistance in how to do this, please contact your child's teacher.

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 to Dojo.

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

Expectations for the live sessions

We feel that 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, ruler 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.
- If the teacher invites the class to use the chat option, all messages should be polite and linked to the learning taking place.
- Parents should not take an active part in the lesson.
- A teacher may remove a pupil from the meeting if their actions are detrimental to the session.

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.

Yours sincerely

Bethan Scriven

Head of School, St Mary's