

Dear Parents who are home-schooling (Years 1-6)

Today was the first day of home-schooling and I hope you have survived! Despite the many technical issues, it was great that so many children were able to come online to meet their teacher and feel connected to their class. The teachers are not currently receiving notifications of messages so therefore may not respond straight away. It is also not immediately obvious where work has been handed in. We are working to overcome this with the technicians.

If you work for a large company and have any possibility of accessing older laptops that we could use, please can you let us know as soon as possible. We'd like to try and ensure every child has access to the live sessions.

Please note that Google classroom can be accessed via Xbox and PlayStation.

If you have an iPad, you may need to download the app "Google Meet".

The teachers have spent the last few days doing tutorials about how to use Google Classroom as well as planning work for the coming days. We had a meeting tonight and have agreed the following:

9.15am – live registration on Google Meet, prayer and explanation of the day's work

11am – live meeting with children to go over and explain work

1.30pm – live meeting for children to share their work with the teacher

- All the live sessions will be recorded so that if your child/ren are sharing devices they will be able to watch at a convenient time.

- We will endeavour to upload work for the following day by 7pm each evening.

- If you would like to upload a photo of your child's work (where appropriate), please watch this tutorial:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR2Ydb3YnSEtktvqLgW0hW7ubnPJTcE2yMltmwFLSKZN4U6bNfLKcxFoBfk&v=STRgCq-yVaQ&feature=youtu.be>

From next Monday, teachers' planning time will be allocated so the teachers will not be available for a couple of hours as follows:

Monday – Years 4 & 6

Tuesday – Year 1

Wednesday – Reception and Year 2

Thursday - Years 3 & 5

In addition, all class teachers have to be in school every week to teach the key worker children. On those days, they will not be available to hold live sessions or answer queries. There will however, be a live registration session at 9.15am with another member of staff so please attend this as normal. The teachers will let you know on the live stream what is happening each day.

Please bear with us as we grapple with this new way of teaching and learning. It is an unfamiliar process and we are on a steep learning curve!

Kind regards

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