



ST. JOHN PAUL II

Primary School & Nursery Class

Just a Note
to say....

We are aware that, as time goes on, everyone's experiences of the current situation are different! Some days are easier than others. Digital learning can be successful but stressful at times. The children can be more or less challenging on any given day and the patience of those who are helping them and encouraging them can be stretched! There are lots of passwords to remember and keep track of. Nothing is the same!

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TRY NOT TO STRESS!

Dealing with the technology aspect of Home Learning can be a challenge. We are aware that our move to Microsoft Teams will not have been easy for everyone. However, we hope that you will soon be able to see the benefits of using this platform as a way to make communicating with Class Teachers easier and enabling Teachers to post assignments and challenges for your children. We will work through the migration to Teams TOGETHER! This form of Learning & Teaching is new.



It will take a period of adjustment and so Teachers will keep you updated on GLOW and direct you to Teams for the next week or so, until we are confident that everyone is aware of this new way of working.

WORK OUT THE BEST TIMETABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

For many reasons, you may not be able to do every task, every day. This is totally understandable and parents should not feel pressured to do so. No family is in the position to replicate the school day and there is no expectation from the school for you to do that. The Teachers are doing their best to support learning and provide stimulating and appropriate tasks.

We do want you to continue to encourage your child or children to do their best to engage with learning opportunities. There is no pressure to POST TASKS online. However, it is a nice thing when Teachers and Children can interact sometimes through the class posts and through other chats, where you have the means to do this.



We know that there are lots of passwords to remember. However, please do not panic if you forget any. Simply contact your child's Class Teacher on Teams, or call, email, message the school and one of us will get back to you. You can message us through Twitter, Facebook, the School App, Groupcall (by replying to a text from us) or through Parents' Portal. ***We know passwords are probably one of the most stressful things to keep on top of, so try and save them in your settings.***

Check back to our April Newsletter as this gives a good guide on what your child may have access to and how to obtain that access if they do not already have it! The Newsletter is available on the school Website Homepage and App.



These are just some of the platforms that we have provided access to. If you need help with passwords, let us know and we will provide them for you. ***Also remember the amount of FREE and PASSWORD FREE resources which are out there, including BBC Bitesize, Twinkl and the like!***

I DON'T HAVE HOME INTERNET ACCESS OR A LAPTOP/TABLET

It is very difficult for families to access learning materials when they do not have access to the internet or a laptop/computer/iPad/tablet. You can still access information through your phone and take screen shots of tasks. You can also continue to work through some of the paper tasks we have provided. ***We will be providing more of these in the future.***

Your child can continue to read, write stories, take part in outdoor learning, take part in practical tasks with your support. Call us if you need support.

We hope that this information is encouraging and helpful. It is difficult to put into words how much we all want things to be normal... for everyone! However, we hope that you know we are here for you for whenever you need us.



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