



## Update for all parents re Coronavirus/Covid-19

January 4th, 2021

### Dear Parents/Carers

From tomorrow the school is open for the children of keyworkers and certain vulnerable groups only. I have texted those families who have agreed this confirming they can come – ***if you have not had a text from me today stating your child can come tomorrow please DO NOT ATTEND.***

Those children not coming to school are still expected to do work every day – this is both an educational and legal requirement and we need to get children into a routine as soon as possible so they lose as little learning time as possible. It is also important to remember that young minds need breaks in their learning and time off at lunchtime, so please try to facilitate that.

For all children not attending school our remote learning package begins from tomorrow the 5/1/21 and consists of the following:

- **Y2-6 children should be ready to register on Google Classroom at 9am** – at the registration your child will get the times of the Google Meets (online teaching sessions) with the teacher and the times when they should be on Google Classroom (working independently and receiving feedback from the teacher)
- **Y1** For Tues-Thurs Y1 work will be on the webpage on the Parents' Page tab on top bar of the website. On Wednesday you will receive their new Google Classroom logins and their first Google Meets lesson online will be Thursday and they will start to register from Friday at 9am – this is new to them and they will need your support to log on each day at the correct time and also to understand what they have to do – we understand this may be difficult for you but this is a totally new way of working for 5 and 6 year old children so thanks for supporting them.
- **YN & YR** all work for EYFS children will be set online and we aim to build in some interactive sessions as soon as possible – details to follow from the staff



**KS2 parents: please note all interactivity between pupils and teachers will end at 12 mid-day on Fridays to give the teachers' time to prepare the following week's lessons. Independent work will be set for Fri. PMs.**

**KS1 parents: please note there will be no interactivity with staff on Friday mornings before 1pm to give the teachers' time to prepare the following week's lessons – independent work will be set for Friday mornings and lessons will resume at 1pm on a Friday.**

As mentioned previously, year-group specific emails for you to contact the class teacher are only about the work that has been set. There is a head teacher's email which is for all other information - and requests are all in working order to enable communication between staff and parents – **NOTE: children are not to use these emails.** If you have problems around food, access to the internet or staying safe please contact me on the email below:

[ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](mailto:ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)

Listed below are the steps we have to taken to ensure your children have meaningful work to do:

1. Website – on home page go to the tab on the top row – Parents' Page – this is where important information is presented for you - please look at this page.
2. Under Parents' Page you will see a page for every year group from YN-Y6 – a lot of your work will be on this page and you will also see the email address for that year group and instructions about how to use features on Google learning platform
3. There are instructional videos on this page that explain how to log on to various different platforms
4. You can use the email address on the year group page to contact the teacher if you don't understand some of the work or you have a problem with any of the logins etc. **YOU MUST NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN USE THIS EMAIL** and please keep email use down to a minimum as it takes up a lot of staff time from preparing future work.
5. For all other queries please use [ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](mailto:ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk) which will get a message to me but remember this is also for urgent requests as there are a lot of you and only 1 of me!
6. Because your children will be using the internet to access their work **IT HAS TO BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPERVISE THEM WHILST THEY ARE ON THE INTERNET.** The only safe use is for them to do so in the same room as you are in so you can

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monitor this – please go to the online safety section of the website which is under the About Us tab.

7. There will still be a weekly newsletter to keep you informed of any developments.

Stay safe – you are all in our thoughts

Yours Sincerely

Matt Hipperson HT

