

5th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Remote Learning for Term 3

Remote learning for all children not attending school will begin on Thursday 7th January.

Class teachers will be inviting their children to join a class Teams meeting at the start of each day (Monday – Friday). KS2 children will be joining a class Teams meeting at 09.00 and KS1 children will be joining a class Teams meeting at 09.30. The purpose of these meetings is for the children to have a daily face-to-face session with their teachers and classmates. This will also encourage children to engage with the learning at the start of the day and hopefully enable them to be more independent in completing their activities. The class teacher will explain the activities set and what the expectations are for each day. At the end of the day there will be another Teams meeting for the teacher to touch base once again with the children.

Please encourage your child to log on to the lessons at the start of each morning and end of the day. You will inevitably need to support children with this process to begin with but KS2 children should soon pick up the daily routines and procedures and should be able to take more ownership of the learning throughout the day under the direction of the teachers.

Does my child have to do the remote learning?

Our expectation is that children participate in online learning. We will be providing activities for pupils every day and it is important for the academic progress as well as children’s well-being that they continue to engage in learning and have structure to their day during lockdown. We strongly advise parents to support their children in keeping up with their work as much as possible.

How do I access the remote learning?

Your child’s class teacher will have sent home logins to their Microsoft Teams account, their Seesaw or Tapestry (Reception) platform and Times Table Rockstars. You should find these in the front of the home learning book sent home today (5th January). If you do not have these login details please email the year group staff (contact details below). To access the Teams meeting, you will need to logon to your child’s Microsoft Teams account. Further details are being sent out to parents on how to login to Teams. If you are having any problems accessing the online sites please use the email addresses below to contact staff at school:

Reception	reception@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk
Year 1	Year1@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk
Year 2	Year2@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk
Year 3	Year3@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk
Year 4	Year4@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk
Year 5	Year5@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

Year 6	Year6@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk
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I do not have the technology for all my children to access their learning.

If you are having problems accessing the remote learning please contact the school office and we will aim to help you with this. We only have a small number of devices to lend out to parents although I am trying to find out how we can get more considering the government's promise to provide devices for families who need them.

Will my child get feedback on their work?

Yes. The teachers will give feedback on children's work as they did in the previous lockdown in the Spring. The feedback will sometimes be an acknowledgement that the work has been received and marked and at other times more detailed feedback will be provided.

How can I communicate with the class teacher?

You can communicate with your child's class teacher through Tapestry or Seesaw on a daily basis.

How much work should my child/ren be doing?

Teachers will set one maths activity, an English activity and a Topic or RE activity each day.

Is there any other work I can do?

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 should have a CGP maths book (given out at school today). Children can complete the **Autumn Term activities**. Please do not complete the whole book.

Parents have also be sent a list of educational websites in my email yesterday. Other websites are signposted from our school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woolley

Headteacher