

St Vincent's Catholic Primary

School Newsletter



To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us

Friday 8th January 2021

REMOTE LEARNING

The timetables shared earlier in the week commence in full from Monday. Attached is a summary of all of the live sessions as a reminder. Normal weekend homework will **not** be set alongside remote learning, as in these unusual circumstances it is felt that children need a clear break from learning at home.

Please support your child to engage with live sessions and learning activities set via Microsoft Team, Spelling Shed and Maths Shed. You will also receive login details for other resources to support learning across the curriculum. We now have exercise books which are available to collect between 9.30 and 2.30 from the main entrance should you require them for your child's home learning—please take 1 maths and 1 English book for the appropriate year group for your child. If someone is in the entrance area, please wait outside, maintaining social distancing at all times. We are legally required to provide at least 3 hours of learning for children up to Year 2, and 4 hours for children in Years 3—6, however we understand that there might be times when children are unable to attend a session or may complete work after a “deadline” but please ensure that children have contact with staff each day, either through a live session, messaging or submitting their completed work. We will make contact weekly with any child who we have not had regular contact with.

We will be sending out surveys for both children and parents to complete to get some initial feedback after the first week to make sure that we continue to provide the best possible opportunities for the children. In the meantime, if you have any issues, questions or queries, please do contact school so that staff can respond and help to resolve these with you. Through working together, we will make the best of the difficult situation that we find ourselves in.

EXPECTATIONS DURING LIVE SESSIONS

Staff were really pleased to see children online yesterday for the first of our virtual sessions. This is new to us all, and hopefully any teething issues will be resolved quickly and easily!

Please refer to the guidance published around expectations during remote learning live sessions. Please make sure that your child is clear about the following:

- Children (and others in the house) should be dressed appropriately for learning
- Children should be in an appropriate location for learning
- Chat and messaging facilities on Teams are to be used for learning as directed by staff, or for contacting staff. These facilities are not for social chat
- Children should behave appropriately, consistent with expectation in school
- Once a lesson has finished, children must leave the session to complete follow on tasks, and leave the chat. Any contact with staff should then be done via messaging or the general chat
- Children should follow staff instructions in relation to cameras and microphones

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The COVID-19 page of our school website has been updated with all letters and information related to COVID-19, lockdown and remote learning. Within these pages are additional resources to support home learning, physical wellbeing, emotional wellbeing and mental health and spiritual wellbeing. We will continue to add to these resources so keep an eye on the website and Teams.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We are going to attempt to continue to have a live celebration assembly each Friday as we had been doing in school since September. Your child will receive a link to this assembly as they would for a teaching session.

Microsoft Teams does have the capability to include everyone so we will see how it goes! We plan to share collective worship and then give pupil of the week awards for remote learning, as we would have for learning in school. However we will not be able to notify you if your child is receiving an award due to the more complicated circumstances. Please keep cameras and microphones off in the hope that this will make managing the number of people a little easier! If a live assembly proves challenging then we will pre-record the assembly and share it with the children via Microsoft Teams for them to watch at their leisure.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE WITH CHILDREN STILL IN SCHOOL

UNIFORM UPDATES: Children will continue to wear school uniform when attending school in person. However to support you in ensuring that children change uniform regularly to reduce risk, children can wear any of the uniform outlined below. In addition, please make sure that have a warm coat, gloves etc for when outside and an additional layer in case they are cold inside, as we are still required to keep school well ventilated. PE activities will be completed in school but as regular, shorter bursts of physical activity rather than full PE lessons on designated days so will not be limited by what children are wearing.

DEVICES: If your child has a device at home that they could use in school, then under the current circumstances we will allow them to bring these in as this will support us in terms of capacity to allocate a device to an individual rather than having to allocate on a daily basis. There is no expectation for you to do this, and please check that the device will be covered by your buildings and contents insurance should anything happen. Please be assured that only your child would use the device.

HEADPHONES: If your child has headphones at home that they could use in school, please remind your child to bring them into school

PASSWORDS: Please make sure that current passwords are in your child's diary and that this is brought to school so that the children can login to websites and apps as required.

<u>Winter Uniform:</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pale Blue Shirt / Blouse and Tie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grey Trousers with grey socks or Navy pinafore or skirt with navy socks or tights</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Navy V-neck Sweatshirt or Cardigan (<i>School Logo optional</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sensible Shoes (Black - Not Trainers or Boots)</p>
<u>Summer Uniform:</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pale Blue Polo Shirt (<i>School Logo optional</i>) and Grey Trousers /Shorts with grey socks or Pale Blue gingham dress with white socks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Navy V-neck Sweatshirt or Cardigan (<i>School Logo optional</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Navy cap (<i>School Logo optional</i>)</p>
<u>P E Kit:</u>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pale Blue Polo Shirt (<i>School Logo optional</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Navy Sweatshirt or Cardigan as for uniform above (<i>School Logo optional</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plain Navy Shorts or Joggers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trainers/PE pumps</p>

Simple hair bobbles and clips: navy / black / grey / white / blue gingham in summer

No jewellery is to be worn, except for a simple watch. We advise that earrings are not worn for health and safety reasons, however should you allow your child to wear earrings, only small studs will be acceptable, which must be removed for PE.

Hair styles must not be extreme, and should be appropriate and safe for school activities.

BOOK BAGS ONLY until Y6 when a **small** rucksack can be brought into school.



Whole school timetable of live sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 9.30	Year 1 phonics	Year 1 phonics	Year 1 phonics	Year 1 phonics	Year 1 story time
9.30 – 10.00	Year 2 reading Year 3 reading	Year 2 reading Year 3 reading	Year 2 maths Year 3 writing	Year 2 reading Year 3 maths	Year 2 writing Year 3 reading
10.00 – 10.30	Year 1 maths			Year 4 maths Year 5 maths	Year 4 reading Year 5 reading
10.30 – 11.00	Year 4 reading Year 5 reading	Year 4 reading Year 5 reading	Year 4 writing Year 5 writing		
11.00 – 11.30	Year 6 writing			Year 6 maths	Year 3 writing Year 4 writing
11.30 – 12.00	Reception celebration time	Reception celebration time Year 5 writing	Reception celebration time Year 1 writing	11.30: Reception celebration time	
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1.00 – 1.30	Year 6 reading	Year 6 reading	Year 6 writing		Reception celebration time Year 6 reading
1.30 – 2.00					
2.00 – 2.30					
2.30 – 3.00					Friday celebration assembly