



St Stephen Churchtown Academy

Head of School: Miss L James

Tuesday 12th January 2021

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Thank you to parents/carers who have already collected home learning packs to complement our online offer. The general feedback has been positive and supportive, with many parents glad to have a paper version of some of the content. We are hoping that these packs help - we are not expecting them all completed this half term and plan to continue using them for homework when we return to school. If you are yet to collect yours, please collect it by the end of this week. If you are unable to get into school, phone the office on 01726 822568 and we will support with this.

FAQ

We have had a few questions asked and thought it would be useful to share responses with you all.

Q) Do children just work through the CGP books in the home learning bags? No, the class teacher will direct you to specific pages through Google Classrooms (Years 1-6) or Tapestry (R). This is because children would not have covered everything in school yet so there will be topics that they will not be able to fully access.

Q) What do I do if I cannot access anything online? Please contact the school so we can support you and your child to access the home learning. Use the email address hello@ststephenchurchtown.org.uk

Q) What do I do if we are struggling to cope with the workload? We are following Government guidelines and producing the expected quantity of work that is asked of schools. Government guidelines state 3 hours for KS1 and 4 hours for KS2. We appreciate that each family has different circumstances and trust that you will work with us the best you can and cover as much as you are able to do each day.

Q) How do I log into Google Classrooms or Tapestry? Our remote learning offer is accessed via Tapestry for children in Nursery and Reception, and for children in Years 1-6, online learning will be set via Google Classroom, a platform which we have previously used and children are aware of. *Guides for how to access and use these platforms can be found here:*

https://www.ststephenchurchtown.org.uk/web/remote_learning/511370

Q) How often do I need to log in to Tapestry or Google Classroom? We ask that you log in daily to see the work provided and then upload a photo of the work after it is completed so that the teacher can see it. Older children are encouraged to open and

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write on the documents via Google Docs or Slides, the teacher can then comment at the side of the work. Daily monitoring by teachers is an expectation from the Government so we will get in touch if your child is not accessing the learning to discuss any additional support that may be needed.

Q) Who can I contact for further support regarding my or my child's emotional well-being or if we have had a change in our family circumstance which is impacting on home life (finance, housing, mental health, relationships, foodbank)? If it is related to your child, the first point of call would be the class teacher. In addition, our school Parent Support Advisor (Sarah Chown) is available 5 days a week and happy to discuss any concerns and signpost to specific support available if and where necessary. Contact number: 07512267449

Q) Who should I notify if I have had a change in my employment status? If you are no longer employed and are in receipt of Universal Credit, please let us know as your child is likely to be eligible for Free School Meals or the meal vouchers which are currently being provided whilst in lockdown. Use the contact above if you require support with arranging a foodbank parcel in the interim.

Please continue to use the school to support where needed – as I have stated before, I totally understand that home learning will look different in each household. Communication is going to be key for all of us. No question is a silly question. Staff will always endeavour to respond quickly. All our teachers are still teaching so a response may not be immediate.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Lisa James
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Our remote learning offer: what to expect within a week

| KS1 and KS2 | | |
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| English | Maths | Topic |
| 1x Spelling (CEW and Weekly Spelling Focus) 1x Comprehension 1x SPAG 1x Handwriting 1x Writing activity (open ended) in lined book Encourage your child to read each day – on Rising Stars if on school reading scheme or Oxford Owls Daily Phonics in Y1 RWI Spelling | 2 x 10-minute weekly workout CGP (Autumn term) 3 x Number Sense (KS1) 1x Times Tables Practice/Number Bonds – TT Rockstars/Sumdog 3 x White Rose videos and follow up sheet 2 x CGP Targeted Maths activities to consolidate the White Rose learning 1X Mental Workout CGP (KS2) | Activities to mirror in class foundation subject learning. History/Geography RE Music PE PSHE Art/DT Science |
| EYFS - Nursery | | |
| Daily name writing Phase 1 daily phonics Stories and rhymes | 5 x practical activities linked to weekly topic | Activities to mirror in class learning. |
| EYFS - Reception | | |

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| Daily spellings (practical and written) – Phase key/tricky words, Phase 2/3 words Daily Phonics Activity then linked to handwriting (CGP) Daily Reading using Rising Stars | 2 x Maths Power points linking to CPG Books. 2 x practical activities linked to weekly topic 1x Numbots | Activities to mirror in class learning. |
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