



St Margaret Clitherow

Primary & Nursery Catholic Voluntary Academy
Mildenhall Crescent, Bestwood Park,
Nottingham NG5 5RS
Telephone: 0115 9150296



Dear Parents

We hope that you and your families are keeping well, and adjusting to the new national lockdown.

Firstly, we would like to thank our children and families that have engaged with their class teacher this week,

Class teachers and staff have been working hard preparing a wide variety of 'Home Learning' materials for you. The children will be provided with Remote Learning using Microsoft Teams and Purple Mash. This will allow children to learn through a blend of recorded lessons, pupil activities and assignments, video links and some live sessions. Each child has already been issued with a unique login to access Microsoft Teams. This will take them to their class team where the timetable and work for the day will be found. Also, don't forget to encourage children to practise their learning independently using their personal Mathletics; Timestable Rockstars and Purple Mash accounts.

This will be different for the children in F1 and F2 due to their age; their remote learning will be available through Tapestry.

Our initial timetables for remote learning have been sent to you today and can be found on your child's Microsoft Teams page. Most learning activities should be available throughout the day and can be done at any time. However, we have provided timetables to help you plan the day. Exact times for live lessons with the teacher are shown on each timetable. Please ensure your child attends these sessions on time and ready to learn. You will be informed as the timetables adapt and change. More information can be found on your child's Microsoft Teams page.

Please liaise with your child's class teacher via the class email address. These will be monitored daily and will be responded to. However, the teachers are all in class teaching so there may be a delay in them responding to you as they are with children and not at their computers. If your child is having difficulty, encourage them to access learning they can do independently whilst they wait for a response from their teacher.

Learning at home can bring additional responsibilities for parents and carers. These areas mainly relate to using live learning opportunities through Microsoft Teams, when your child may be using a camera and audio to access lessons. During these sessions your child's teacher and teaching assistants will be interacting with other pupils from your child's class as well as with your child. Your child will be able to see and hear other children on the call and they will be able to see your child. I am sure that you can appreciate the importance

of keeping all pupils safe in these circumstances. So the following expectations are really important.

During live learning sessions we ask that:

Pupils should:

- Be dressed and ready to learn with the correct equipment each morning.
- Log on to the appropriate remote live or recorded video sessions each morning and complete the registration task
- Watch all of the learning videos/join remote live learning sessions, taking a full and active part in them.
- Complete the learning set by their teacher each day and upload their learning as requested by the teacher.
- Ensure work completed in their home learning book includes the date, title/learning objective and is of a high standard.
- Use online resources such as Purple Mash, Mathletics and Times Table Rock Stars.
- Adhere to the behaviour expectations within our behaviour policy at all times.

Parents / responsible adult should:

- Set a clear routine with each child using the timetable and the daily learning set
- Read all communications that come out from school to ensure they are fully aware and up to date with news.
- Support their children where possible to complete all of the learning set.
- Liaise with school staff and seek support on behalf of their child when needed.
- Provide access to the learning offered for their children.
- Support their children by uploading the teacher pictures of completed work or documents for assessment and feedback (for EYFS using Tapestry or younger children unable to work independently).

Some of you may not have a suitable device data connection for effective remote learning. We are in the process of trying to secure more devices and improved data connection and capacity for those who are struggling. As and when devices or improved connectivity becomes available we will let you know.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school in the usual way. If your child is unwell and would be accessing remote learning from home, please email the teacher through the class email so that the teacher will not be expecting them online.

Lastly, thank you for being so supportive. I know that many of you will be feeling the strain of home learning with your children, and juggling work, shifts etc. Do what you can. Take breaks when you can. Have family time. Get out for exercise when you can. Look after each other, as I know you do.

Take care. Stay Safe. Please keep offering up your prayers and, God willing, we will all be back in school safely very soon.

'The Team at St Margaret Clitherow'