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Remote
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LEARNING WITH LOVE AND LAUGHTER

St Laurence Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all of your support, encouragement and engagement with the school and the remote learning. Obviously, as you know, we would prefer that all children were in school all days and everything could be back to 'normal'. Unfortunately, this is not the case as yet but we will endeavour to do our best in providing work for the children, support as is necessary and be here for those that need questions answering, help with technical issues and assistance with the learning itself.

St Laurence staff are providing:

- ✓ Bespoke videos for basic skills (in case you need to refer to them to practise phonics and methods in maths).
- ✓ External educational videos uploaded to support learning and also for reference.
- ✓ Live lessons. Not only so that teachers can teach the children but so that teachers can have contact with the children - which we believe is extremely important. Children (whether in school or at home access these same lessons and it is good for the children to see each other and learn together.
- ✓ Recordings of the live lessons in case you miss them or want to refer back to them.
- ✓ Work that can be printed, edited on screen or written up in the books we have provided depending on what works best for you as a family.
- ✓ Learning Packs for some children, which we are dropping off for you at home.
- ✓ Virtual Clubs

All work is marked so that teachers know what children have learnt and understood and where to pitch and plan the next lessons. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are planning, videoing, uploading, resourcing, making packs, marking, emailing, ringing families, etc, and from the many comments we have received, I know that you appreciate the work that is going into each day's preparation, teaching and responding. Thank you.

The staff at St Laurence also fully understand that it is not easy to support this learning at home for a variety of reasons. (Parents already working from home, technical issues, siblings trying to access learning through the day, and so on). However, we also appreciate everything that you are doing to support the school and most importantly, the children.

We continually take on board comments that we receive but, as I'm sure you understand, we do have to follow certain procedures, strategies for teaching and consider the logistics of ensuring everything takes place.

Just to show how well children (and parents) are accessing learning from home, here are the statistics that demonstrate this:

EYFS -	25 out of 26 children are accessing Tapestry
Year 1 –	23 out of 26 children are accessing Google Classroom
Year 2 –	24 out of 26 children are accessing Google Classroom
Year 3/4 -	49 out of 54 children are accessing Google Classroom
Year 5 –	17 out of 20 children are accessing Google Classroom
Year 6 -	42 out of 44 children are accessing Google Classroom

The official guidelines from the Department of Education have instructed primary schools to provide 4 hours of work for each day (3 hours for Early Years). Therefore, we provide this in the different ways I have outlined above.

We understand that some parents will feel that this is too much whilst others will feel it is too little.

The school does have expectations that must be followed, so that we can maintain the high standards we set when we were all in school.

REMINDERS

- Children **MUST** register with their class at 9am on Google Classroom. If you have siblings at home, all siblings can register on one class. This is a very short meeting and it will take place every weekday whether there is a live lesson at that time or not.
- Children should remember that though they are on a virtual meeting, they can be seen by the rest of the class. Therefore, they should be **fully and appropriately dressed** (not in pyjamas) and should demonstrate that they are ready for Registration and for their live lessons as they would be in school. Children **should NOT be in bed or eating** at this time. These are school lessons and should be treated as such.
- Children should not be accessing Google Classroom late at night / bedtime.
- Teachers will respond to work and emails between the hours of 8.45am and 5pm.
- For those that work with Learning Packs, these will be delivered at the end of the week.
- **PLEASE NOTE that when new packs are delivered, we ask that you give the member of staff the previous pack that your child has been working on, so that it can be marked.**

