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Dear parents and carers,

Remote Offer – Reception to Year 6

As stated in our previous letter, in line with the latest Government policy, St Joseph's will be closed to most children from tomorrow.

We will return pupils to school at the earliest possible convenience in accordance with the Government's national guidance and advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England.

Google Classroom

We will continue learning immediately online from Tuesday 5th January. This will be done for all year groups using **Google Classroom** and **Google Meet**.

Each pupil has a username and password for a Google Classroom account already created for them. This provides them with access to Google Classroom for St Joseph's and also access to Google Drive, where they can use Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Slides to complete their work and send it back to their class teacher. Children are using this platform already on a weekly basis for homework.

If you have any difficulties logging in, you can contact your class teacher using the appropriate year group email address:

Nursery – YearN@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk

Reception – YearR@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk

Year 1 – Year1@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk

Year 2 – Year2@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk

Year 3 – Year3@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk

Year 4 – Year4@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk



Year 5 – Year5@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk

Year 6 – Year6@stjosephs.rbkc.sch.uk

A link to a Google Classroom tutorial is available here: <https://youtu.be/eyiMSewoKjA>

Please see our Remote Learning Protocols which can be found [here](#) for information on how teachers will use Google Classroom.

On occasion, children may possibly need to complete work in an exercise book / home learning book / separate paper as well as on Google Classroom. If so, we will ask parents and carers to kindly photograph and upload their children's work to Google Classroom.

Home Learning Routines

Learners will be provided with a suggested timetable for the week to ensure that they are given routines in order to learn at home. Children thrive off routine and structure so this may help when learning at home.

However, to make things manageable for families and staff alike, teachers will emphasise flexibility in home learning routines in order to meet the demands of a family all trying to work from home.

Class teachers will make a note in the register of who has logged onto Google Classroom and completed activities. If you require any support with this, please email your child's class teacher in the first instance (see above for email addresses).

The lessons will consist of a combination of live and pre-recorded sessions. The live sessions will be recorded so children will be able to catch up if they miss them. Please see our Remote Learning Protocols document (link above) for further guidance about the live sessions.

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – phonics teaching will continue to be tailored to different groups and therefore some children will receive live sessions and some children, recorded sessions. Class teachers will explain more details on the individual Google Classroom class streams.

To create a consistent and manageable feedback / marking routine, teaching staff will look at and feedback on work in the following subjects on set days:

Monday	-	English
Tuesday	-	Maths
Wednesday	-	RE
Thursday	-	Other subjects in rotation (Science / History / Geography)
Friday	-	Big Writing



Children will need to re-open any submitted work to see any comments that have been left by the class teacher.

Families and children are encouraged to submit evidence for all activities set, but you will only receive feedback from your child's class teacher according to the feedback schedule above.

Answers will continue to be provided on Google Classroom after some sessions for children or parents and carers to mark themselves (e.g. Maths).

Science / History / Geography learning may be more topic project based and RE will include regular creative elements.

All tasks and messages to individual classes will be posted on Google Classroom **at 8pm the night before**. Tasks and messages will be dated so parents and carers will clearly understand when the learning is scheduled.

Friday afternoons will be set aside for dedicated staff Planning and Preparation time (PPA) time. Class timetables will probably reflect this with a session included on Fridays for pupil 'rewind' / catch up time (finishing off any learning from the day / week).

As a gentle reminder, parents and carers will be asked that any of the children's submitted work is as independent as possible.

If parents or carers experience any technical issues, they can contact their child's class teacher in the first instance and they will endeavour to signpost to the best support.

Many thanks for your continued support and encouragement. Please be assured of our continued best wishes and prayers for you all and the whole community of St Joseph's.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Wyatt
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Mr Stacey
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