



St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Term 3
Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sadly, we find ourselves in a national lockdown again. It has been a very challenging week for all of us. Schools are not closed, we are just working in a different way. Like all primary schools, the staff at St Anne's reacted very quickly to Monday night's Government announcement about the move to remote teaching from the next morning. Our sites opened on Tuesday for the children of critical workers and remote learning was up and ready to go. Staff stayed up into the early hours uploading learning on Monday night to be ready for the children on Tuesday.

Staff are working incredibly hard and we are all trying our best to stay safe and keep up the high standard of education for all of learners but we cannot do it alone. We are again asking parents and carers to support the learning of children at home. I know it is very difficult juggling home learning and your own working from home but please try your best to ensure your child's learning continues. A few parents have asked about live lessons. We are not providing live lessons for a number of reasons. All our teachers are teaching the increased number of critical worker children and vulnerable children in school. We know that every family has different circumstances, and are juggling home learning around their own jobs, plus having more than one child sharing a device can be very problematic if you have to be online for a lesson at a specific time. We have reviewed our remote learning and added videos and recorded teaching elements to support learning now. We will continue to adapt and develop new ways to engage and support our learners remotely.

We would welcome any thoughts about our remote learning offer. Teachers have received a rather bad press over the past year and any positive comments and messages of support would be greatly appreciated. I am so incredibly proud of all our staff who are so dedicated and work so hard. The teaching profession is a vocation – we love what we do and we all want the absolute best for our children. We will make mistakes and there will be schools doing completely different things all over the country but I can honestly say, here at St Anne's we are all doing our absolute best.

I will continue to communicate with you all regularly. Please take care and stay safe.

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CRITICAL WORKER ON SITE TEACHING

If you are a critical worker and you have filled in the Google form (before Thursday 7th January) to request a place on the days you are working and there is no other option for childcare, your children are welcome to attend school on the days requested. Gates open at 8:30 and close at 3pm each day. Children should wear school jumpers and warm bottoms (Like a PE day!) School meals are available as usual.

Children at WW should go to their usual classrooms and at Hewish children will be taught in the following rooms:

Busy Bees – usual classroom
Yr1/2 – Yr1 classroom
Y3/4 – Yr2 classroom
Yr5/6 – Yr6 classroom

The face to face teaching is the same as the remote teaching. If children are only attending on some days, it is very important that they continue to complete the remote learning on the days at home so that they can keep up with lessons when they return to school on the next days in. Children should be learning every day not just the days on site. Learning is provided by the teachers for each day.

Please do not send your child into school if they are poorly. In order to ensure everyone's safety, they will be sent home.

REMOTE LEARNING

Our teaching staff have been working really hard to provide online learning for all our children not on site during this lockdown. This can be accessed via Tapestry for our EYFS children and Google classroom for years one – six. All children should have been provided with logins and should have started their learning this week. It is very encouraging to see the high engagement already. It is very important that children continue their learning whilst they are at home. The remote learning mirrors the learning in school and has been planned thoroughly by the class teachers. Class teachers are uploading videos every day to explain the learning and are developing different ways to further support children working at home including using videos to show maths learning, phonics sessions. Voiced- over power points, worships and interactive activities. There may be a few minor technical hitches with some uploads but please bear with us. We are all learning to adapt to this way of working.



With this new disruption to the children's learning, it is very important that all children continue with their learning at home. Each day there will be learning provided based on our remote learning plan – please click on the link or visit the website

<https://stanneschurchacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/remote-learning-plan.pdf>

The learning should be equivalent to 3 hours for KS1 and 4 hours for KS2. Please support your children to keep up with their learning as much as they can. Teaching staff will help as much as we and will be contacting all families to support with home learning during the week. Children not engaging with Google classroom and Tapestry will be contacted and help offered. Please send any concerns to teachers and they will do their best to respond as soon as they can but please be mindful that all teachers are teaching face to face as well as providing remote teaching so responses may not be immediate.

If you have any issues with Google classroom or Tapestry, please contact the school or your class teacher.

If you are having issues with devices, please let your class teacher know. It is possible to use Google classroom via X boxes and PS4 which may help. Please use the guide below.

Useful links for remote learning:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Please encourage your children to use our school learning apps to practise spellings, reading and times tables:



HOW TO ACCESS GOGGLE CLASSROOM FROM AN XBOX AND PS4

PS4

1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>

8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.

XBOX

1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to *Apps*
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for *Google Classroom*
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

