

Holy Family Online Learning



Dear Parents and Carers,

Since September your child and the staff have been working extremely hard to catch up on the lost learning from the first lockdown in March 2020. All children across the school were making good progress and enjoying their learning. Unfortunately, we are now faced with yet another lockdown until at least February half term. As you already know poor attendance can significantly impact on a child's attainment so we want to do everything possible to avoid lost learning.

Over the past few days, the staff at school have been working extremely hard to plan the best way forward for your child's online learning. Following this letter you will be sent a letter from child's class teacher who will explain a little more about what is expected. All work will be posted on Seesaw which can be accessed via a phone, ipad, tablet or laptop.

As a school we have listened to your feedback from the surveys completed by parents to try to improve our provision further to meet the needs of our children and their families. Please read the letter carefully and remember we are here to support.

Many Thanks

Mrs Booth

What have we done to improve the online learning experience for you child?

- **Seesaw** – we have changed the platform through which your child accesses their learning. The change means that, hopefully all children will be able to access online learning.
- **Feedback** – Seesaw allows teachers to give feedback to your child about their work.
- **Routine** – teachers have planned the online learning to mirror what would be happening in school. Many parents told us throughout the last lockdown how difficult it was to establish a routine at home. We are really hoping that this will help.
- **Contact with their teachers** – many children struggled without regular contact with their class teacher and often gave up with their work if they didn't understand something. Teachers will hold a daily meeting which the children MUST attend. In this meeting the teacher will explain what is to be done and pick up on anything that has not been understood.
- **Rewards** – class teachers will be tracking carefully the work completed by the children, and we will inform you regularly of how they are doing. Some classes have included a star chart for the children to complete when they have finished a learning task.
- **Resources packs** – organizing resource packs for you to collect from school. These packs will contain exercise books for the children to complete their work in. THESE BOOKS MUST BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL WHEN WE RETURN.
- **Follow-up** – It is expected that all children complete the work set by their teacher. We do not want your child to fall behind. If a child does not attend the class meeting they will receive a follow-up call to find out why they have not attended. WE WANT TO HELP!

What we need you to do!

- **Make sure your child is up, dressed and had their breakfast by 9.00am** – just like a normal school day.
- **Make sure your child attends the class meeting** – this will make your life easier as the teacher will be able explain to your child what is to be done.
- **Find a safe place to store their work books and a quiet place to work.**
- **Take an interest in your child's work and learning and ask about what they have done each day.**
- **Monitor the use of technology, eg use of phones, social media and the internet.**
- **If you are struggling – SPEAK TO US AND WE WILL HELP.**