



ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

"LEARNING TOGETHER – AIMING HIGH"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Even though we currently remain open, we already have a significant number of children absent from school, and so have decided to make our Home Learning resources available from today. We are also aware that a Government announcement on schools is due at 5pm today. If school closures or other significant changes are announced, we will contact all families tomorrow.

PLEASE, DO NOT CALL US TO ASK US WHAT IS HAPPENING. We will announce any closure in the usual way.

We would like to minimise the impact of longer than usual absences or school closures to the children's education during this unprecedented situation.

We completely understand that every family situation will be different. However, we would like to ask that all families try to complete some home learning daily Monday to Friday during anytime your child isn't at school. There is no replacement for your child receiving quality teaching from the class teacher but the work provided is an interim solution to ensure that your child has continued access to the curriculum.

Location of Home Learning

We have set up pages on the school website, where you can view and download home learning for your child. If you previously requested a paper learning pack, this will be sent out today.

- Go to <https://www.stjohnsfrome.co.uk/>
- Click or tap on 'COVID-19' in the main navigation
- Go to the page for your child's year group

Home Learning Provided

For each year group there is an A4 sheet of suggested daily activities, English activities, Maths activities and Topic activities, as well as some whole school creative challenges. There are further activities for each year group 'Practical ideas' and 'Creative at Home resources'. There is more than enough work for two weeks of fulltime education.

Home Learning Book

Each child in school today has been sent home with a 'Home Learning Book', which they can complete work in if needed, but please feel free to use paper or computers as well if you prefer.

If your child is already absent from school, and you would like an exercise book to be sent home for Home Learning, please email us and we will arrange this for you.



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Contact – Home Learning

If you have a question regarding the Home Learning, or indeed just wish to share some of the fabulous things you have been doing, please send them into the school email address stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk . Any questions will be forwarded to the appropriate teacher for an answer on your behalf; it would be really helpful if you indicated which year group learning the question is about.

If your child completes all of the tasks and you need more learning, again please do contact us on the school email.

The school email address will be checked regularly throughout the school day, but please do be patient with us, particularly if you need an answer to a question. We will endeavour to respond within one working day.

With this proactive approach, we hope you feel reassured that provision will continue in a way that is manageable for families.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Claire Marsland
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