

19th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

HALF-TERM ARRANGEMENTS, CRITICAL WORKER CHILDREN AND HOME LEARNING

We are pleased that over the last few weeks we have managed to provide appropriate home learning with support given via email, tapestry, telephone call and even in some cases home visits. All of this has been carried out to ensure that we are supporting you and your child (ren) as fully as possible, during this mutually difficult time. The weekly evaluations have been so important to us in knowing what and how successfully the home learning has been completed. Thank you so much for completing these as well as returning work to school.

During the lockdown and holiday periods, school has remained open for a large number of keyworker (now termed critical worker) children. These children come from all year groups from Nursery to Year 6 and this provision will of course continue until we are told any different.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY Break up Friday 22nd May and return on Monday 8th June

Beginning this Friday, we enter the two-week half-term holiday period. We avoided using the Hub holiday facilities at Highfield Academy during the Easter holiday period for our critical worker children so that we could ensure all our children have remained in a familiar environment with staff they know. We have also managed to provide a full wrap around care from the day the lockdown began, through the holiday period until today and we want to continue this provision during the two-week half-term holiday period. This has only been achieved through the willingness of staff to continue working during their holiday periods, as there is no funding to pay additional staff during this time. We have also managed to provide the extended wrap around care free of any charge. We will however be closed on Bank Holiday Monday (25th May).

Therefore, I am pleased to be able to say that school will remain open for Critical Worker children during the two-week holiday period. However, due to voluntary staffing for which I am grateful, each day will finish at 4pm and we will not be open on the Bank Holiday.

Please also ensure you book in advance to ensure we have the appropriate levels of staffing.



Glastonbury Ave, Blackpool, Lancashire FY1 6RD
Tel: 01253 311248
Email: admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England

HOME LEARNING AND EMAIL ACCESS DURING THE TWO-WEEK HOLIDAY PERIOD

WEEK ONE (Week beginning 25th May)

During this week **NO home learning needs to be completed**. This is a week of rest for everyone, for children of course but also yourselves tirelessly having to support your children to complete and return the home learning.

Please do not email year group email addresses during this time as they will be closed.

WEEK TWO (Week beginning 1st June)

During this week, **home learning packs will be provided, but at a reduced level and they are OPTIONAL**. I know some of you have got into a routine and may not want to break the routine for both weeks hence why we have decided to provide a reduced learning pack but please remember for this week, it is entirely optional.

Please do not email year group email addresses during this time as they will be closed.

The Home Learning packs can be collected from the school office from Monday 1st June and they will also be emailed to you for those of you who prefer online versions.

If you have any questions about the home learning during this week, you can either email our admin address or ring school directly. Any work can be returned to your class teacher in the normal way from Monday 8th June.

In the meantime, I hope you can have a more restful two weeks ahead of what will be for many of our children, a return to school on the 8th June.

I look forward to welcoming children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 back on Monday 8th June.

Kind regards,

E M Allen

Dr Elaine Allen
Headteacher



Glastonbury Ave, Blackpool, Lancashire FY1 6RD
Tel: 01253 311248
Email: admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England



2018-2021