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Dear Parents

**'Be strong now because things will get better. It might be stormy now
but it can't rain forever'**

What a wonderful week we have had. It has been so lovely to welcome back all of the children; seeing their happy faces and as I have walked around school, witnessing them working hard in a variety of ways has been heart-warming. All of the staff have again shown their dedication and commitment to your children, I for one cannot thank them enough.

This letter is to provide further updates for you with regard to home learning and remote learning and actions we will take should your child need to isolate due to Covid 19. We are still being rigorous with our procedures to minimise contact. All year groups are continuing to operate as a bubble and staggered starts, breaktimes, lunchtimes and end of the day, keep the crossing of bubbles to a minimum. There is always the risk of having to send a bubble home if a positive case is reported. That has not gone away so the following information is important for you with regard to home learning and remote learning.

Home Learning

Reception for the remainder of the Spring Term, we need the children to focus on:

- Reading every night and parents signing the reading record to show children have read. **You may have noticed we have new Read Write Inc books; these are decodable and should be read by the children with independence. Please look after our new books!**
- Practice tricky words.
- Practice writing their name.
- Practice the sounds of the week, which will be sent home on a Friday.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) for the remainder of the Spring Term, we need the children to focus on:

- Reading every night and parents signing the reading record to show children have read. **You may have noticed we have new Read Write Inc books; these are decodable and should be read by the children with independence. Please look after our new books!**
- Practicing spellings for the weekly spelling test on a Friday.
- Practice reading and writing their common exception words.





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Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Home learning will be set this Friday. As before it will be a grid style homework where children will pick an activity plus spellings and reading.

The Home learning grid will be on TEAMS as well as a paper copy sent home.

Parents to hear children read 3 times a week and sign the reading record.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)

Home learning will be set this Friday. This will begin in the form of CGP books and will develop onto using Teams.

Parents are to hear their child read 2 times per week and sign their reading record.

Children to read independently 3 times themselves and write a detailed comment.

Remote Learning

If a child or whole class has to self-isolate, they are to access all their work via the website. Parents must inform the school office and class teacher via email as soon as possible.

Reception and Key Stage 1

Day 1 – Access the isolation tab and complete activities on the grid. Email class teacher to make them aware.

Day 2 – Visit your child's year group page and complete daily tasks and submit work daily via Tapestry for feedback.

Lower Key Stage 2

Day 1 – Access Teams and complete activities on the isolation grid. Email class teacher to make them aware.

Day 2 – Access Teams and complete daily tasks and submit work daily via TEAMS for feedback.

Upper Key Stage 2

The intention is to put work on Teams immediately if we are informed of a child self-isolating.

As I explained before, the digital skills that your children have acquired during lockdown, we will not allow them to lose as we develop our curriculum going forward.





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Important Catering Message for Key Stage 2 Parents

This week the Key Stage 2 Cold Menu for week beginning 22nd March 2021 was sent to you. Please note the following points:

- Menu will start from week 2
- All payments must be paid by deadline midnight prior to following week required.
- If you would like to use credits, please contact Tina directly via the catering email: catering@st-josephs-pri.worcs.sch.uk
- Meal price £2.00 a day- £10.00 per week
- All orders for week commencing 22/03/21 must be paid & ordered by midnight 18th March.

Mobile Phones

Please can we remind parents that children should only bring a mobile phone to school if they are walking home on their own. In line with our policy these are signed in and kept safe during the school day in a locked box. As part of keeping themselves safe, we ask that you ensure your child holds their mobile phone **in their pocket** whilst they walk to and from school. This means they will have access to it in an emergency. **It is so important that they do not have their phone on display whilst walking alone.** We have been reinforcing this with them in school.

Thank you for adhering to the face coverings requirement. As I have said, we are all at risk and must prioritise keeping everyone safe. Staff will not enter into a conversation with any parent not wearing a face covering unless they have proof of exemption.

My zoom meetings invitations for next Thursday at 4.30pm and Friday at 9.30am will be sent out to you next week. Thank you as ever for your continued understanding and support.

Yours in faith and partnership

Mrs Louise Bury
Headteacher

