



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

21st April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This period has been challenging for everyone and we hope you're all adjusting well in these difficult circumstances.

We wanted to get in touch with all our parents/carers keeping their children at home to let you know about our approach to home learning and what we're expecting from you and your children.

Our amazing staff have been working hard to make sure we can continue to provide education for your children. As a reminder, our current approach is:

- Class teachers have worked hard to set a range of work for your child to work through at home. This is for the next 2 weeks, this includes daily English and Math's activities, and a collection of RE, topic/science and PE/Wellbeing ideas. We have focused on supporting pupils to learn in the most widely accessible ways possible so hope this range is useful to you all.
- All of this work can be found on our school website, under the Children section (Class Pages). Class teachers will also be supporting this work with messages via Class DoJo.
- On the school website, there are also other resources that may be useful during this time, for example, suggested websites, documents etc. (these are also on the Class Pages).
- We fully appreciate how difficult it is during this time so, although we encourage all children to actively engage with these daily activities, we also stress that families must do what they can and that staying safe is the priority. There can never be enough time for reading books, writing stories and working on mathematical basic skills such as times tables.
- If this situation continues we will continue to set further work for our children on the website. We will alert you to this via Class DoJo.

We hope you can understand that we can't deliver the same sort of education we do when the school is fully open, but your children won't miss out by not being in school at the moment. We've tried to keep everyone's workloads – both pupils learning at home and those in school – comparable, appropriate and realistic during this turbulent period.

Please don't worry about your children getting behind with learning. Everyone's in the same boat, and when things get back to normal, we'll make sure we get everyone back on track.

We'll continue to review how we deliver home learning, so we'll let you know if we decide to change our approach.



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Supporting learning at home - the government has pulled together a helpful list websites (the link is below) to support learning at home, which have been identified by some of the country's leading educational experts. They offer a wide range of support and resources for pupils of all ages. They are currently being offered for free.

The list includes subject-specific resources for:

- [English](#)
- [maths](#)
- [science](#)
- [PE](#)
- [wellbeing](#)
- [Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

Individual resources cannot replace a school's properly planned curriculum, and the resources in this list are not intended to do so. They may be useful for parents in considering how they could support their children's education, but they should not be used in place of existing resources which schools may be using as part of their continued provision for pupils' education at this time.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

If you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let your child's class teacher via Class DoJo.

If you're finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope, call [Family Lives](#) for free, confidential advice on **0808 800 2222**.

If you're worried about the safety of another child in our community, call the [NSPCC](#) on **0808 800 5000**. Or call the police on **999** if you think a child is in immediate danger.

If you're concerned about the symptoms of the virus please find advice for those with symptoms or living with someone with symptoms on the NHS website online <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.



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Please can we ask you to inform school (info@st-josephsrc-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) if any pupils or family members have confirmed cases of Covid-19.

As we have previously said it is really important that you all know that we want to help as much as we possibly can so if any of our families require support please let us know (via Class Do Jo or our email info@st-josephsrc-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) and we will make sure we do our absolute best.

We will continue to keep you updated via Class DoJo and our school website. Please also remember to follow us on Twitter - our Twitter handle is @StJosephMatlock.

We hope you all continue to take very good care and stay safe during this time.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received from you all.

Yours sincerely

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