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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parent

HOME LEARNING DUE TO ISOLATION

As your child is required to self-isolate until **Wednesday 25th November**, I am writing to inform you of the home learning offer which will be in place. Please read the information below.

On the first day of isolation, we will send a text message to inform you that the work for that day has been uploaded to the school website. After day one, you can expect teacher presentations and pupil work to have been uploaded by **9.00am Monday - Friday**.

If you require work to be printed and delivered to you we will endeavour to arrange this. Please complete the form below to update us on your current situation:

[Home Learning Resources Questionnaire](#)

Communication with School:

Please email: y3.isolation.support@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk if you have any queries or require support.

Your child's class teacher will respond during school hours only (Monday – Friday 9.00am – 3.10pm).

If your child is struggling with an aspect of learning and requires further input, we may be able to set up a 1:1 Microsoft Teams meeting using the above email address. This will require the parent to be in the camera view with the child for the safeguarding of the teacher and the pupil. *This will only take place following an email request and completion of a consent form which will be sent to you following your request.*

Pupils have also been made aware that they are able to send emails to their class teacher by logging onto **Purple Mash** and clicking on '**2 Email**'. They can use this if they want to send a message or ask for further help.

During your child's period of isolation, their class teacher will set up home phone calls via School Cloud/Microsoft Teams. These will take place to see how you are getting on and ensure that your child is working (as long as they are well). This will also provide an opportunity to ask any questions if needed.

Virtual Classroom:

Pupils will be able to access **3 - 4 lessons everyday** which will be very similar to the lessons being taught in school.

English, maths and reading will take place every day.

Teachers will also ensure that **one further lesson** will take place each day from these subjects: **RE, science, history /geography** and **computing lesson** along with suggestions for **fitness activities**.

A lesson timetable will be shared with you at the start of each week along with a suggestion of timings for each day. This is just a guide to follow as well as you can: we do understand that many parents may have work and childcare commitments to attend to at the same time.

Teachers will upload teaching PowerPoint presentations or direct pupils to a video / website which will walk through lessons and explain new concepts.

When pupils complete set work, they will be able to **submit their work** to the class teacher through the school website. Instructions on how to upload pupil work can be found in the '**Completion of Work**' section below. We ask you to do this at the end of each day.

In addition to our home learning offer, we would also like to encourage pupils to continue to access their online accounts: [Times Table Rock Stars](#) or [Numbots](#), [Reading Plus](#), [Spelling Shed](#) and [My Maths](#).

Please contact school if you do not have the passwords at home so that these may be provided.

Your child has also been sent home with an individual isolation work pack which can be used for further activities.

If you would like more activities during this time, we would like to direct you to use [the Oak National Academy](#) resources, where you can find more lessons for your year child's year group.

Completion of Work:

Each day, work will be uploaded to the Virtual Classroom which can be found on the school website:

Curriculum and Gallery > Year Three > Virtual Classroom

Or click the link: <https://www.holynameprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Virtual+Classroom&pid=1190>

At the end of each day, we are asking that you send your child's work back to their class teacher. This can only be done if you complete it electronically. To do this, please follow the instructions below:

1. Click **Virtual Classroom** (located in the Curriculum and Gallery > Year Three)
2. Click '**Send your work to your teacher here**'.
3. Then follow the instructions on the webpage.

Within the **Virtual Classroom** area, there is a comment box where you can let the teacher know how your child has got on / your child can leave a message.

Please submit **all daily tasks at the end of the 'school' day** (rather than one at a time). Your teacher will then check completed tasks to help to inform future learning.

Your child's class teacher will be keeping a **record of work that has been submitted by pupils** so please send an email to: y3.isolation.support@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk if your child has been unable to complete set tasks due to other circumstances.

Microsoft Classroom Update:

We are very close to setting up Microsoft Classrooms so that children have their own accounts. This should support us to make our home learning offer more personalised and interactive. We are receiving staff training for this on Monday 16th November and hope to have this up and running very soon!

Tips for successful Home Learning:

Below are some tips on how to support a **positive learning environment** at home:

- **Distinguish between weekdays and weekends**, to separate learning and home life
- **Designate a working space if possible**, and at the end of the day have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over
- **Create and stick to a routine**, as this is what your child is used to at school. For example, eat breakfast at the same time each morning and make sure that your child is dressed before starting the 'school' day
- **Stick a timetable up on the wall** so that everyone knows what they should be doing and when, and tick activities off throughout the day
- **Make time for exercise and breaks** throughout the day to keep your child active

We understand that you may be facing additional challenges at home at this time; however, we kindly request that you do as much as you are able to do with your child.

What if you or your child are ill?

If you or your child become ill, we understand that work will not be completed. We encourage you to rest and take time to recover. We do not expect you to 'catch-up' with task which may have been missed. You can rejoin when you feel you are able to.

If your child is unwell, please email your child's class teacher through the Y3 isolation support email account to inform them so that they are aware that they will not be receiving completed work back until they are well again.

We would like to thank you for your support and look forward to welcoming your child back to school at the end of this isolation period.

Yours sincerely



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