

ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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The weekly newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date with life at St Oswald's School



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Absence

If your child is ill and unable to complete work at home and/or join live lessons, please contact your child's teacher to inform them.

In the event that a child tests positive for COVID-19, please notify us of this via our covid reporting e-mail address. Please inform us of this whether or not your child is attending school.

Thank You.

Dear Parent/Carers,

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening, the country is now back in national lockdown and schools are closed to the majority of children, to help reduce the transmission of the virus throughout the country. Schools have been instructed to remain partially open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers **only**.

Thank you parents who completed the online form posted on Tuesday this week to notify us of critical worker status and to request on-site provision for your child(ren).

We hope that by having minimum numbers of children and staff working in school, this will help to reduce the transmission of the virus in our community. Government guidance states that **"parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can"** therefore we are urging parents to only access the on-site provision at times when you absolutely need it, such as days when you are required to work and there is nobody else at home to care for your child. This is for the safety of the children, your families, staff, their families and the community. Our provision is in place to enable key workers to fulfil their essential and important work, however, by keeping numbers as low as possible, we will be able to follow and support the Government guidance to 'Stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives'.

To access on-site provision we would ask you to please forward to the school, proof of employment to verify your position as a key worker. This could be a photograph of your work ID badge, a pay slip (with figures edited out) or a letter of verification from your employer. If you have not already sent this into school, please send to the school office stoswalds_primary@warrington.gov.uk.

We will ask you to notify us weekly of your provision requests via an online Google form which will be posted on a Monday for completion that week to request provision for the week commencing the following Monday. A 'critical worker' button will be added to the school app to take you directly to the online forms.

Thank you for your prompt responses this week and your ongoing support to manage this difficult and challenging situation we find ourselves in.

My best wishes,

H T Lennon
Head Teacher



Home Learning

Home Learning, including timetables, for all classes will be posted on Google Classroom.

Timetabled, live teaching sessions will take place for all classes twice per day, four days per week from next Monday 11 January. Every effort has been made to ensure that there is no overlap of live sessions for different year groups, however there may be some small, unavoidable overlaps which could affect siblings who are sharing a device. Where this is an issue, children in a household may alternate and take turns to attend the live sessions.

The timetable for live sessions is attached to this newsletter and times are posted on Google Classroom and the class pages of the school website. Please note, these times may need to be amended if the number of children attending school rises.

Our expectations for etiquette and behaviour for live sessions are also attached to this newsletter and posted on the website. We kindly ask parents to share these with children before they engage in any live sessions next week.

As always if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's learning at home, please contact your child's teacher by e-mail. Please be assured, we do appreciate how difficult this can be for parents, particularly if you are working from home, and thank you all for your continued support.

As in the first lockdown, work will be provided weekly for the children. If you cannot access the work for any reason, if you feel you are missing communications, or the work being provided is not suitable for your child and your child's needs, as a matter of urgency please contact the school, your child's teacher, or Miss Lennon directly. Thank you.

SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CRITICAL WORKERS

The school day will be 8.45am to 3.15pm for all children. The gate/door will be closed by 8.50am, please ensure your child is ready to enter at 8.45am. Children will be dismissed at 3.10pm and the school will close at 3.15pm. Children will not be dismissed in year groups. Please queue socially distanced in the designated queueing areas and your child will be dismissed when you reach the front of the queue.

Entrance and exit points will be as follows:

Reception: Reception Door

Y1 & Y2: Rear hall door

Y3 & Y4: Junior Gate

Y5 & Y6: Junior Gate

Siblings should continue to come in to school with the youngest sibling, at 8.45am and leave with the oldest sibling.

Children attending school will have access to the same learning set for the children at home, supervised and facilitated by a member of school staff. This may be a Teacher or a Teaching Assistant. Children will need to bring into school each day the resources previously provided for home learning eg CGP books, exercise books etc.

Lunches will continue to be provided by the school kitchen for children who require them.

Home School Communication

General messages and reminders will continue to be sent via the school app. During the period of lockdown and partial school closure it is essential that the lines of communication remain open therefore we strongly advise all parents to download the app to your device.

Information will also be posted on the school website. The school app contains simple links to the most useful pages of the website.

We may also send information home via e-mail or text so please inform us if your e-mail address or mobile phone number changes.

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty downloading the school app and we will try our very best to help.



'COVID Reporting' e-mail address

Please continue to report any positive covid results by e-mailing us on covidreporting@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk

Please note, this e-mail address should only be used to report a child with a confirmed POSITIVE test result. Thank you.

Live Teaching Session Timetable

From Monday 11 January 2021

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
Reception	Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri	9.10-9.30am 11.20-11.40am	
Year 1	Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri	9.45-10.15am	1.40-2.10pm
Year 2	Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri	10.35-11.05am	1.05-1.35pm
Year 3	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri	9.45-10.25am 11.30-12.10pm	
Year 4	Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri	9-9.40am	1.30-2.10pm
Year 5	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs	9.30-10.10am	2.00-2.45pm
Year 6	Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs	10.45-11.25am	1.20-2.00pm

If you have any problems logging into Google Classroom or joining the live sessions, please contact your child's Teacher or for technical support please call Ian Jones on 07764609589

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'Google Meet' Live Lesson Etiquette

Respect Privacy: Set up in a good space where you can hear and ensure that there is nothing inappropriate in the background. Don't take pictures or screenshots or share/post of your online class. Suitably dressed (no pyjamas)

Punctuality: Login to Google Classroom 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the session.

Muting: When you enter a meeting, mute yourself (if not already muted).

Your Turn: Wait for your teacher to call on you to unmute yourself. Only one student should contribute/talk at a time.

Contributing and Questions: When you have something to contribute to what is being said, but it is not your turn, put your thumb up to show the teacher you want to say something.

Lesson conduct:

Pay attention to your teacher or other students who are speaking. Give them time to respond.

Show respect and good manners to your Teacher and everybody in the lesson.

No eating during the lesson.

Where to look: Look into the camera when you are talking.

'Chat' function: This is only to be used to communicate with your Teacher in relation to the lesson or homework – it is not to be used to chat with your friends.

Stay Connected: Once you have joined the session, you should stay until the session has ended. (If it is essential that you leave during the session before it has ended, just leave the session quietly and do not interrupt the Teacher)