

Dear All

Following last night's announcement to close all schools from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, we are now writing regarding arrangements for home learning during this period of unprecedented closure, which has been described as 'indefinite'.

Teachers in **Years 1 to 6** will already have sent out a **home learning document** via the 'dojo' messaging system. This includes details about the '**Google Classroom**' which has been set up for each year group. Please read this carefully and support your children with their daily work as much as possible.

Via the Google Classroom it will be possible to contact your child's class teacher about the work. However, please note that this must be used sparingly and is not a tool for constant and/or daily communication. Teachers have the ability to monitor your children's work online and they will use the marking and comments system to give feedback as and when appropriate.

For Nursery and Reception children, teachers have provided a pack for each child and they will use '**Tapestry**' as their method of communication regarding children's work. You are encouraged to make the most of the Tapestry software and continue to upload photos and examples of your children's work in the usual way, so that their learning journey can continue uninterrupted.

Some of the teachers have **prepared packs** that have been distributed to those parents who have called in to school for them. If your child is currently absent from school, even if you are self-isolating, it is possible for you to call in to collect a pack tomorrow. We will meet you at the front entrance to hand over the pack or you can collect a pack between 9.30 and 10.30 am.

During the closure period, please note that the **school's telephone line will cease to be monitored** from 3.30 pm tomorrow afternoon. Should you need to contact the school, please do so via the **school's email address** at: [admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.camden.sch.uk). This will be checked twice daily.

If you have a concern regarding **safeguarding** or child protection, you should contact the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH). Contact numbers are as follows:

- Camden MASH – 0207 974 3317
- Westminster MASH – 0207 641 4000

Finally we want to send out our love and prayers to all our families at this difficult time. We are here to support you as much as possible, within the constraints of the various restrictions.

We will be posting this information in the newsletter area of the website and the home learning documents will be posted in the class areas. Please help to pass the word around to anyone you think may not have been able to access it themselves.

Thank you to you all for everything you do.