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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find attached some really useful information regarding our new homelearning and blended learning portal. We appreciate we are bombarding you with information, please keep the information safe so you can refer back to it at a later date! A copy is also on the year group page on our website www.stjames.covmat.org.

After much research we have chosen to use Purple Mash, an online portal that allows teachers to set work for their class and year group. Once the work has been completed children can hand the work in to receive feedback. During the last few weeks at school, all children have been to the ICT suite to access their account. They have been given a task to complete that has then been sent to their teacher. Attached is a parent's guide to the 2Do's to explain in more detail about the tasks. As this is a new system we understand there may be some teething problems, please contact school if you are struggling with logins at home.

Blended Learning

The Government uses the term 'blended learning' to explain teaching and learning that your child receives at home, if the school is closed due to COVID, or If whole bubbles are sent home following a positive COVID test and advice from Health Protection Team, all children will be set tasks to complete, if they are well enough.

- 1) You will be notified by school that the bubble cannot attend.
- 2) Log onto Purple Mash complete the tasks set by the teacher
- 3) Return the tasks to school electronically via Purple Mash.
- 4) The teacher will respond to the work.
- 5) Any problems contact the year group email.

The tasks will be set daily, the expectation is that they are completed during the day, as they would complete work in school. The tasks will need to be handed in when completed. There is an option for the child to write a message for the teacher if they found the task particularly difficult, or if they have enjoyed it! Due to the nature of online learning, you may have noticed that they are accessing materials for a younger age range. We are aware of this and have carefully selected activities the children will be able to complete independently and confidently.

If you do not have access to a computer or tablet please contact school. A learning pack will be delivered through your door containing work for the 2 week isolation period. Please return the completed work to school when your isolation period is complete.

Quarantine Learning

If your family/ child is required to self-quarantine for 14 days please inform school as soon as possible. Once school are aware of your child's absence they will drop a work pack through your door. The pack will include English and Maths activities to be completed onto the sheet or onto the paper provided. The activities are not based on the topics that are being completed in school as families will need to quarantine at different times, however the activities have been carefully chosen to develop the key aspects of learning for your child's year group. During your child's absence your child can complete any of the Purple Mash activities.

Homelearning

We are aiming to use Purple Mash to set homelearning tasks, we will provide more information regarding the process at a later date. We will continue using Timestable Rockstars and Spelling Shed, new passwords and usernames will also be sent out week beginning 21st September 2020, old passwords may no longer work. Log ins and passwords will be sent home via your child's reading record. We advise you take a copy or take a photograph!

Kind regards

St James Team.



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