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St James Parents' Guide to COVID-19

As a school we are actively trying to reduce the risk of Corona virus transmission, to do this we have established different daily routines, which will have impact on the whole school community.

We are acting on the daily advice from the Public Health England and the Department of Education, at the present we are planning to remain open, until otherwise advised. However we ask you to follow the Public Health guidelines

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

a high temperature

a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home, please contact school.

To help us can you please only telephone school to notify us of absence and change of pick up. Other information can be passed to school via email:
school.office@stjames.covmat.org

Please try to avoid face to face contact with the school office, however if you need to visit please push the buzzer and a member of staff will open the door for you.

During the day, the routines will focus on minimising contact between the school community. We will no longer be holding whole school collective worship (no awards or out of school awards) and eating in the hall together. Different arrangements will be in place for break and lunchtimes. The measures have been put in place with minimal disruption to the children's learning and emotional well-being.

All learning will continue as normal, we are requesting:

Reading books and records will remain in school (the around the world reading challenge has been temporarily grounded) please continue to read books at home with your child, as we value your support.

Water bottles to be washed and refilled every night and returned to school.

Pencil cases and other items will not be required in school during these exceptional circumstances.

Times table Rockstars and Spelling Shed activities to continue as home learning.

Parents' Evening

The evenings will continue at the present time, unless we receive notification of immediate changes to school life. The evening will be held in the school hall, entry will be via the external hall door. Please arrive only 5 minutes before your scheduled appointment as space will be limited. If possible, please attend without your children. During the evening teachers will provide information regarding your children's attitude to work and their progress, however books will not be available. We will schedule an alternative date for you to share your child's work. Please do not be offended as we will be operating strict hygiene regulations on the evening.

In case of School Closure

We are very aware of the current medical advice that is being issued on a day-to-day basis to schools throughout the country and, as a result, have created a pack of work and activities to do in case we have to close the school. The packs will be given out once we have been notified of school closures.

If the school must close, we will inform you as soon as we can and will be in contact with the date that we can reopen when we know it. We want to make sure that your child can still learn and can use this time away from school productively.

We would recommend that your child reads every day, whether it is their school reading book, a book for pleasure, a comic, a magazine, the sports pages or cooking recipes. As well as reading, it would be amazing if your child can practice their times tables or number bonds. They can do this by using Times Table Rock Stars.

This pack has been put together to support you and your child. Nothing is compulsory and your child will not be required to complete these activities. We have tried to make them as fun as possible and want you to do them in the way that suits your child in the most productive way. They could make posters, record videos, create comic books or even write songs!

In this pack you will find:

Reading tasks

Grammar tasks

Spelling tasks

Writing tasks

Maths activities

Timestables activities

Science based activity

History or Geography tasks

RE task

PSHE task

The tasks need to be completed onto the sheets, other tasks to be completed onto paper.

Thank you for continued support, should you require any further information please contact Jane.cook@stjames.covmat.org

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