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Covid 19—Lockdown

We at least, have some clarity now that the lockdown is set to continue for at least another 3 weeks.

The Governments advice stays then exactly the same:

We must—Stay at home for the NHS, for our families, for our neighbours, for our nation and for life itself.

These are exceptionally difficult times and I do very much appreciate this. There will be no easy answers going forward and certainly no solutions for a while.

Speculation about when school's might re-open is just that at the moment—speculation. School's have been given no insight or insider knowledge so, in effect, we know as much as you do.

My best advice is to develop a routine with your children and maintain it, as children thrive on routine and structure.

As my own children are also at home, our routine is as follows for Monday—Friday. The weekend is different.

- Children get up, **NO** TV, phone, xbox ipad. They have their breakfast.
- 9.00—Joe Wicks—(Admittedly not my favourite time of the day)
- 9.45—1.00. Children do Home Learning with a break of about 15 minutes.
- 1.00 is lunch
- 2.00 ish, out for a walk or a cycle. We have discovered a plethora of paths that we had no idea even existed.
- When we get back it's free time and they're then allowed TV from about 4.30.

You may have your own routines already established, which is perfect. But if you don't, it's really important that you put something in place. It may take a few days, but if you persevere/are resilient, it will be worth it. We have had a few tantrums and upset, which is to be expected—I know how they feel. Not being able to see friends and do the things we normally do is hard for all of us—but then everyone's in the same boat and that does help a bit.



It's an Egg Thing

Many thanks to everyone who sent in pictures of your Easter Hat designs. Some very creative and fanciful designs. These are all on the website in the 'Our School's Learning at Home' section.

Sadly there can only ever be one (or in this case two, as we had two eggs) winner. Our independent judge challenged herself this morning and has chosen as our winners...

Harry Cording (Year 3) and Ellis Thurston (Year 1) Really well done to both of you. Next week, the giant eggs will be coming your way—somehow!



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.
Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."
- Malcolm Gladwell

What are you Doing at Home?

Please keep sending pictures and a small commentary of what you're doing at home to the admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk account.

We are putting all of these on the website for you to see with a commentary alongside of it. Feel free to e-mail the admin account back in response to any of the comments—the e-mails will all get to me.

More importantly—it's great to see what you're doing at home.

Home Learning

Just to remind parents that all the Home Learning is set up on the school website and the link is on the Welcome Page 'Home Learning' and new links are being added each week.

The page is set into three sections:

On the left—On-line resources for Home Learning

On the right—Example Timetables and Subject Activities

At the bottom—Lesson Plans and Resources from the school

Next week, Week 5, the theme is Fantasy

These resources are now on the website.

Please go to the website for all Home Learning resources and also remember that you should have access to your children's Num-berym and Purplemash accounts.

Don't forget to send in your entry for the Talent Contest.

Home Learning—Through your Door

We are very aware that, whilst parents and children have been actively engaging with the Home Learning on the website, many parents haven't been able to.

Therefore, from next week, we will start posting out to ALL parents the Home Learning that we have been putting on the website.

The pack will include the next two weeks of Home Learning—so Week 5 and 6.

This will either be delivered by our own postal staff or by Royal Mail. Deliveries will start on Wednesday as we are just finishing off Week 6 now.

Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

What can you hear, but not see or touch, even though you control it? Your Voice.

They come out at night without being called and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?

And Finally,

Attached are three pictures. The first is of the knife, the second of the roll I was making this morning and the third my finger now, after a visit to A&E this morning whilst using the knife to make the roll and carrying on slicing into my finger! All very unfortunate.

Stay Safe—Simon Billings



Facebook

Hopefully all parents received the e-mail that included the tag for the school's new Facebook account, which we will certainly keep active during the current Pandemic.

The Facebook id is @SJGreenNews This is also available on the Welcome Page of the school's website by clicking on the Facebook icon.

Please remember that we have set up this page for information, as we appreciate that many parents use Facebook as their preferred way of communicating. It will also duplicate what we put on the website.

Please also remember that although we are very happy if you like any of the posts, any comments that are offensive, derogatory, negative or inflammatory etc and the user will be automatically blocked. This would include liking an inappropriate comment that someone else has put.

The Facebook rules are clearly available at the start of the page—so it is tricky to miss them.

If you do have a concern or worry then please contact the school in the normal way either by phone (The School Office at Abbey Field is open every day) or by e-mail admin@st-johngreen.essex.sch.uk

Many Thanks

FSM Vouchers

Many thanks to the parents of children who are entitled to FSM for your patience as we are aware that many of you are still awaiting the vouchers.

Our order for your vouchers was originally placed with Edenred last Friday but due to the unprecedented demands on the system it has been unable to cope and as such for almost every school in the country the releasing of the vouchers has been delayed.

Whilst it would be very easy to blame the school, please don't—it's not our fault.

We have been assured by Edenred that the first vouchers will appear in your e-mail within 24 hours.

However, as this system is still an unknown, we will continue to offer the Pack Up option for next week as well and parents entitled to FSM should have received that e-mail from the school already today.

If your personal circumstances have now changed and you think you might now be entitled to FSM, please email the admin account of the school.

School Governors

Obviously the school governors are still active in their roles at the school.

We had an on-line meeting last week, with mixed success (technology!) and the information below is a brief report from the Vice Chair of Governors:

Following the outbreak of corona-virus, Governors are continuing with business as usual to ensure that the school is kept running and has the necessary support for both pupils and staff. We are meeting regularly with the school's senior management team although this is now being done remotely.

It is good to know that parents and pupils continue to engage positively with the school and to see in the newsletter the learning being done at home.

During the past few weeks, the Board have asked many questions about how learning is being provided at home, how the school is being kept open for those pupils that need to come in and how this can be done in a safe manner for all. We have also approved the budget for 2020/21 financial year. This will be reviewed during the year to ensure that the school continues to have the right resources in place to provide excellent teaching, learning and necessary support for all.

Please make sure you continue to stay at home and stay safe.

Earwig

EYFS Parents should have received an e-mail this week which gave details of how you as parents can record your child's Home Learning Journey through Earwig.

If you did not receive this e-mail or are still having difficulty, please contact the school.

EYFS teachers are seeing what you've uploaded and you should see a small 'noted' mark which indicates that they have seen it. At the moment, they can't comment back—but we are working on this with Earwig.

The information we sent out is on the school website in Curriculum Information—Foundation Stage.



Collaborating Carlos

Work well together;
support each other.

Making Links Mollie

Make connections across all
areas of your learning.



Motivating Melinda

Be keen to succeed; try
your best.

Reflecting Roxy

Learn from experience; build
on your learning.



Resilience Rex

Keep going even
when it's hard; never
give up.



Learning Dispositions

A member of staff from your child's class will be telephone calling next week to have a quick chat with your child. This could be any day of the week as there's quite a few children to get through. The call is just to say hello to the children and catch up with them and the things they've been doing. Obviously if your child is in school then we won't be calling!