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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you are all keeping well and that you are surviving self-isolation. I know there are members of our school community who have been directly affected by the coronavirus - our thoughts and prayers are with you all in these difficult times, but especially with those who are suffering.

School is a very strange place to be in at the moment; it is a big building with not many people in it and it is eerily quiet. Staff are working on a rota to provide care for the children of critical workers and those who are vulnerable – they are doing all they can to enable us to provide this service and I am proud of the way in which they are working together.

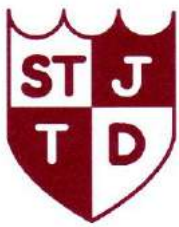
We will remain open over the Easter Holiday for the children of parents who are frontline, critical workers and we will continue to offer this provision for as long as we are asked to. Over the last few days a number of parents have been in touch asking me if I know when we will be able to reopen the school and I know this is probably playing on all of your minds; the simple truth is that I know no more than you. It is highly unlikely that we will reopen before the May half term, and best guesses are that the school will remain closed for the remainder of the academic year. This is a long time in all our lives, but especially so for our children and, here in school we are doing all we can to support you, to support your child's learning at home.

During what would be considered '**term time**' teachers are uploading daily tasks on the **class blogs** for the children to undertake. These, as you will have seen, include a literacy, maths, reading and another subject area task. The activities should take no longer than two hours for your child to complete. During the '**holidays**' teachers will upload one activity only for the children to enjoy on all days except the bank holidays. Further ideas and signposting to online activities can be found on the **Learning Links** page of our website, which will be updated weekly.

I would hate for parents to be overly worried about completing all of the tasks online; we do not wish to add to anyone's anxiety at this time. I realise that some of you will be taking the time to teach your child 'life skills' and to simply spend time with them, playing – do not let the tasks distract from this. Rather, use them as a resources to help consolidate your child's learning when you are able to. The blog posts will not be deleted, so you can always return to them if you find your creativity running low or if you are in need of a break.

Do please share your child's learning with us in whatever way you feel most comfortable – some parents are emailing, others are beginning to post on our Twitter and Facebook Pages. I would ask that if you are able to share in any of these ways that you do – the teachers are missing working with your children and the messages received simply brighten their day! In case you are unsure of how to connect with the school on line, below is a reminder of all the key sites and addresses:





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In the envelope, along with this letter, you will find two additional documents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the school's details on. The first of the documents is our **Values newsletter for April**, I ask that at some stage over the coming days you read through and complete the newsletter with your child and that you return this to school in the envelope provided. I know that Mr Camilleri will be delighted to receive the children's responses.

The second document is your child's **Spring Term Report**. As this is only the Spring Term report, it simply lists the objectives for the core subject areas and these are highlighted to indicate your child's progress towards them. There is a general comment from your child's class teacher and targets set for further progress. The list below explains what the different highlighting represents in terms of your child's performance.

- **Yellow** – your child is working towards the statement
- **Green** – your child has fully grasped the area of learning
- **Blue** – your child has mastered the concept area and is able to apply their learning in different contexts
- **Red** – your child has not yet grasped the area of learning
- **No highlighting** – this concept has not yet been taught

If you are able to, you can use the report as a guide to further support the home learning you are doing with your child. If you should have any questions regarding the content of your child's report, I would ask that you share your questions in an email, putting your child's class/ class teacher's name in the subject line so that they can be forwarded for a response. We aim to respond to all emails within 48 hours, so do bear with us if we have not responded as quickly as you would have liked.

On a final note, I know that this year will be very different, but I wish you all a Happy Easter – as you celebrate may you remember God's perfect love for all mankind, and may that love fill you with hope for the days to come.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

