



Monday 28th September 2020

Learning from Home

Dear Families,

It has been brilliant to see so many children back at school, enjoying being with their friends and learning together. This is what we all hope will continue but we must plan that it might not be possible for some classes or potentially the whole school for periods of time.

Your support with home learning from March to July 2020 was fantastic. None of us had ever worked this way before and we were all certainly learning new skills as we went along; some more than others! Our aim this academic year is to build on these skills but also 'step up' our offer should a local lockdown occur or a group of children are required to self-isolate. This means that we want to be able to offer 'immediate remote education' to your child.

We are very conscious that this 'offer' will be different to our approach during the last academic year and we want to reduce the demands on parents' to help or support their child when learning from home. Below I have outlined what we are currently offering and what we intend to offer moving forward.

Current provision:

Children are in school full time receiving a broad and balanced curriculum. A child may need to self-isolate for a short period of time but if they are well enough, they can access the weekly overview, outlined below.

Every week an overview of the key learning taking place in your child's year group will be available on the school website, under the tab: Learning from Home or from the Year Group pages:

<https://www.st-williams.norfolk.sch.uk/>

Please use this information to support your child at home to enhance the content at school and support them in making good progress.

Please continue to read with and to your child. During lockdown, many children improved their ability to decode (read words) and understand text. Please don't stop doing this; with 30 children in class, getting to hear the children read on a 1:1 basis regularly can be very challenging.

Our contingency plan:

If a child or small number of children are well but are self-isolating, we want to be able to continue to offer a programme that replicates the curriculum in school as closely as possible.

We are currently training our teaching team in the use of Microsoft Teams, with the aim of this being the online tool to support learning from home in Years 2 to 6.

In Years Nursery, Reception and Year 1 the online tool of Tapestry will be used to share learning when a child is learning from home, while being mindful of their age.

What's next?

To help us in how best to support our families, we kindly ask that you complete a short survey around your technology access at home. Please follow the link to complete the survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Dlw3sMLK1kqvT_gXe1WtrCdeAdSIOtpBmGEtJlaYPVJURUVDNFBDWDhKUIYzUVVFWENYN0IMUIlyMC4u

Please complete the link by Monday 5th October to enable us to roll out our next phase. Please contact office@st-williams.norfolk.sch.uk if you are unable to complete the survey.

We will then be sending out login details and initial instructions on how to use your child's online system in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

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