

## Instructions for Home Learning – Prep School

We have been exploring a number of systems for remote learning and our aim is to find a model that is easy to use and accessible. We are well aware that every home will have different numbers of children, adults and resources available. We aim to minimise stress and provide guidance and resources that can work within the parameters of differing situations. Advice has been sought from colleagues in other parts of the world who now have experience of remote learning and the core message is to keep things simple and to pare back our expectations. We understand that we will not be able to achieve the same outcomes as we would in a normal school day, week or month.

We are beginning support for now with our current curriculum overviews. Here you will find the link to the curriculum overviews for the current term: [Curriculum Overviews](#)

Please make use of the topic areas and website links to access appropriate and familiar activities for the children. At the end of the overview you will find a link, username and password for **Espresso**. Espresso offers instant access to a wealth of learning resources aligned to the curriculum, that can be used every day. There are links to all subjects that we cover within our normal curriculum and the activities are interactive and engaging.

The following learning resource pack can be accessed through our website and is full of activities for children in Years 3 – 6 covering a wide range of subjects. [Click here for the Learning Resource Pack](#) (scroll down to the links for online learning)

Pupils in Years 7 & 8 should continue with their diploma project work and can utilise their SeeSaw account to submit work for relevant subjects. Any pupils who are currently preparing for entrance examinations should revise work completed in their reasoning folders and continue working through Planet Bofa exercises. Past paper completion and relevant revision should be a priority. Year 8 pupils will be taking their mock CE exams next week and they will benefit from time spent on revision.

Pupils who attend ICT Interventions (for example, Nessy Reading and Spelling, COGMED, Touch Type Read and Spell and RM Easi Maths) can access these programmes from home. The programmes are personalised and therefore your child should be able to work independently and without excessive adult input. Lucinda Cook and Rachael Newton will be tracking pupil progress remotely. For any technical questions regarding these programmes please email [rnewton@stmichaels.kent.sch.uk](mailto:rnewton@stmichaels.kent.sch.uk)

We hope that the overviews and at home learning pack will provide a wealth of activities for children who are already at home and are well and able to work. We do not expect completed work to be returned to teachers at this stage as our priority is to manage the ongoing delivery of our curriculum in school and the planning and preparation for potential full school closure.

If we need to announce the closure of the school, we will be sending remote learning plans for all children. At the start of each week of school closure we will send the remote learning plans at 8:30am on Monday morning. Full instructions will be given in the corresponding email.

Please note that all communications can be accessed through the Coronavirus update area on the [school website](#).

Many thanks for your ongoing support in this unique and challenging situation.

Kind regards

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