

Instructions for Home Learning – Pre-Prep

We have been exploring several systems for remote learning and our aim has been to find a model that is easy to use and accessible. We are 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 with 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.

In the Early Years your child's teacher will continue to contact you via Tapestry for those with children in Nursery, Kindergarten and Reception.

Children in Years 1 and 2 will receive a paper-based home learning pack in the first instance. This will give them ideas for working at home during the first week and will contain work for a mixture of abilities. After this, work will be emailed to you via your child's email address – details on how to access this will be sent to you separately. To this email address you will also receive details on how your child can access SeeSaw from home, an app that allows teacher-pupil interaction and will be the easiest way to convey new concepts and daily work. This requires an app called 'SeeSaw Class', which is available from all app stores. Work uploaded onto here can either be completed on an iPad or printed out and a photo taken and uploaded once finish. The class teacher can comment on your child's efforts. It is a very child-friendly app and trials in the classrooms over the past couple of days have shown that the children can navigate it easily.

We hope that the home learning pack will provide you with some ideas for your children. We do not expect completed work to be returned to teachers at this stage. Teachers will look at their emails Monday to Friday during term time and normal school opening hours so if you do have any questions please contact us.

One piece of advice that you may find useful is to dress your child in school uniform at the start of the day as they associate the uniform with learning. Once they have had enough please stop; let them get changed into "home clothes" and play. Remember play is essential learning time for our young ones!

Thank you for the many good wishes and support you have shown St Michael's staff.

Kind regards,

Zerrin Leech (Pre-Prep Head)