



St Swithun's C of E Primary Academy

Wednesday 13th January

Dear Parents/Carers

Remote Learning Arrangements

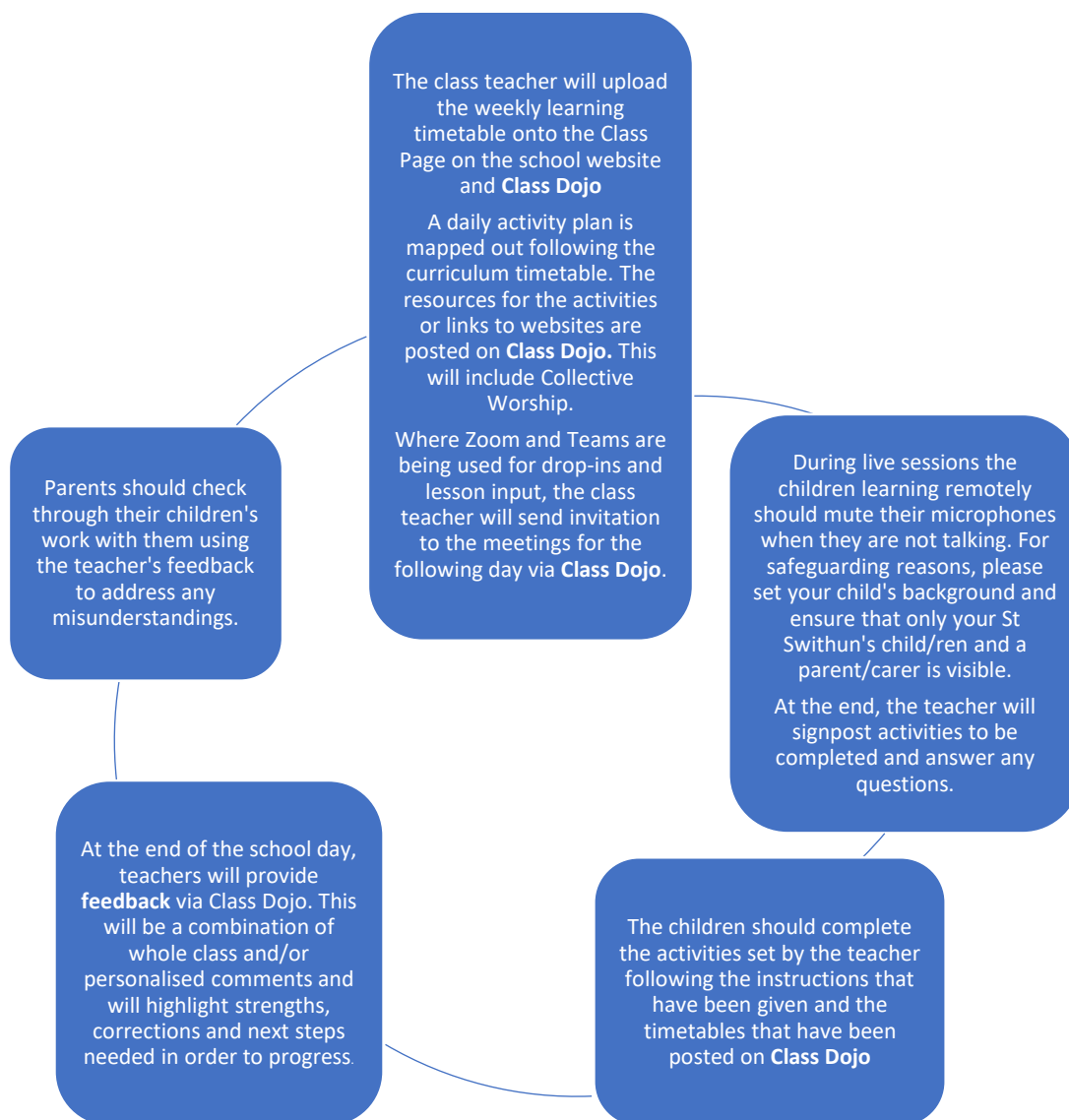
Thank you for your overwhelming support over the days following the government's announcement to schools and for working with us to ensure that your child/ren continue to access excellent teaching in spite of the challenges that the school closure has presented. We are very appreciative of all that you are doing to help your child/ren and please do let school know if you are having any difficulties with accessing the daily online learning.

Remote learning plans

Teachers will continue to teach the school's existing curriculum. Children who are learning remotely will be able to access teaching inputs for core subjects alongside the children in school (through a combination of written explanations, powerpoints, recorded input and some live teaching sessions). From Monday to Friday, this will be English and Maths (with Phonics in KS1) and the wider curriculum. You will have all received a copy of the class timetable via Class Dojo which can also be found on the school website.

Each class has a daily activity list which includes guidance on break times. This details all activities for the day and should take children between 3 and 4 hours to complete. All children will be able to listen to their class teacher reading the daily instalment of their class story at the end of each day.

Please see the diagram below which sets out how this will be organised.



Safeguarding

Even though school is closed, we still have a responsibility to ensure that all of our children are safe and well. The large majority of pupils and families will naturally check in with class teachers via Class Dojo and chat facilities as part of remote learning. However, during the previous lockdown, there were certain families that we didn't hear much from. As time goes on, not seeing or hearing from children worries us. Therefore, as before, we will continue with our tiered safeguarding monitoring system as below:

Tier 1	Pupils/families who are in regular contact with no safeguarding concerns
Tier 2	Pupils/families who we haven't heard from via Class Dojo by 12pm on Wednesday each week.
Tier 3	Pupils/families about whom our concerns are escalating, or with underlying health conditions
Tier 4	Pupils/families at moderate risk of harm/protective factors such as EHCP
Tier 5	Pupils/families who are most risk of harm or neglect

The large majority of our children will sit within Tier 1. If we do not hear from families via phone calls, Dojo or other online platforms, then we will move them to Tier 2 and carry out a welfare telephone call on either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning of the same week. This doesn't mean that we are concerned that your child is being neglected, it is to check that you are all well and to see if there is anything we can do to help. We realise that if family members have become unwell, or have suffered bereavement, getting in touch with school may be the last thing on your mind. **If you receive a call from the school office, or a withheld number, please answer it.**

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support. We hope that we will be able to see you all again before too long. Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Helen Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'H' and 'T'.

Helen Thomas

Executive Headteacher

