

St John and St James Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carers

I would like to begin by thanking you for your very kind messages and support during this global crisis. These are uncertain times and we do not have answers to lots of questions. What we do know is that schools will be closed for a little while. We have set up a home learning system to support your child at home. This is all new to us so there may be some teething problems and we will do our best to resolve them as quickly as possible.

We are very mindful that not everyone has the same access to technology at home but the internet is going to form the back bone behind how we communicate with you during any closure and provide you with access to learning materials. Having said that whilst we hope that the vast majority of parents will have online access not everyone will access it through the same devices e.g. phones, tablets and computers.

To try and make things as simple as possible we will be providing you with access to documents on our school website which you should be able to view on all devices and with text books or paper which you can record the children's work in. Work will be available and updated weekly on a Friday.

https://www.johnjames.hackney.sch.uk/children/year_group

Edmodo is an online platform we would like to use to communicate with you and your child. You will receive a document explaining how to login. This online platform will allow your child to ask their teacher questions about learning tasks set etc. We have never used this before so we are still learning as we go.

All EYFS children have received a home learning pack with a range of activities to get you started and to support your child's learning at home. Reception children have an A4 lined exercise book to record their written work in.

Reception children also have three home reading books from our 'Kinder Reading Roots' series. They are numbered in the top left corner. Please read these in sequential order and complete one Kinder Roots book a week by re-reading each day so your children become familiar with the books and then complete the written comprehension tasks at the back in your exercise books at the end of each week. Write the date and name of the book before writing the answers to the questions in.

We have also included a few picture books from our classroom for you to enjoy sharing and reading together.

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Other useful websites are:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.readingzone.com/>

<https://mathszone.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

www.twinkl.co.uk – offering all parents free access. Setting up is easy to do. Go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - parents can join for free. There are a number of ebooks that children will be used to. They also do interactive games and activities for reading comprehension.

If you need to contact the school please use the office email as it will be checked daily.
office@johnjames.hackney.sch.uk

Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time. Hoping you all stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Jo Smith

Headteacher