20TH JANUARY 2021

WEDNESDAY UPDATE

Jolesfield Church of England Primary School



Headteacher's Message

Thank you for all you are doing supporting your child's online learning. We fully appreciate how hard it is to juggle your child learning at home and your own work and other commitments.

We are providing enough work for your child to do for 3 or 4 hours a day depending on their age. We expect children to be doing as much as possible at home. Please make sure they are handing in their work so we can give feedback and see how they are getting on. I have included instructions on how to do this below. A photo of their work is fine. By handing in assignments we are able to give feedback in private away from the class stream.

Teachers will follow up with families where there is little or no work being handed in, to offer support.

I am available throughout the school day online and by phone so if you have any concerns or questions please contact me by email at office@jolesfieldschool.co.uk or by phone (01403) 710546.

Simon Trahern

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COVID Updates

Critical worker provision
I am sure you will have seen the news regarding the pressures on schools. As with the national and local picture, we have also seen much more demand for school places for critical workers than in March. As the aim of this lockdown is to reduce contacts to reduce local transmission of the virus, the government has changed their guidance for schools and parents: *"Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can."*

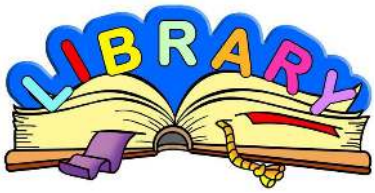
The school remains open for vulnerable children and those of critical workers who can not be looked after at home. We are operating 3 bubbles with a maximum of 12 children in each. The children are doing the same learning as those at home supported by a Teacher and TA.
The booking form for this week will be open from 3 pm for 24hours and can be found at https://forms.gle/fTDkRBY8Fe3bWVY59. We will confirm places on a Friday, please do not bring your child to school without a confirmed place.

If you have any queries please get in touch via the office.

Positive Cases
If your child is isolating because they or someone in the household has COVID symptoms, please let us know using the covid@jolesfieldschool.co.uk email. This will enable us to register your child correctly.

It is essential that if your child or anyone in the household has had a positive test result, they isolate for 10 days. Please do not come to school.





KS2 Reading Books

We've placed a library trolley containing KS2 books in the school lobby. Please encourage your child/ren to swap their reading books if they've finished their current book. We aren't monitoring who's taking which books as we know your children will remember to return these to school when they have finished with them.

Laptops



We've had a great response to our plea for more laptops from the wider community. These have now been reconfigured and we have devices available to loan out if any of our families would like an additional laptop/tablet.

Please contact the school office if you would like to borrow one whilst your child/ren is/are learning remotely.



I think most of you are getting to grips with the Google Classrooms now. I have included a couple of tips here which hopefully will help you find your way around.

Registration
The daily register is open from 8 am. We have simplified this so you just need to click the 'yes' option. There is no need to comment on the stream.

Weekly and Daily Schedules
Teachers are providing both weekly timetables and daily schedules to help you navigate what needs to be done. This is the best place to start to see what is in store for the day. You can see the assigned tasks by selecting the **classwork** tab and select **view my work** at the top of the page.

Submitting Assignments
You can watch a Youtube clip here to learn how to submit an assignment. This keeps the work off the stream and enables the teacher to privately message feedback. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4JeCTfhvnI&feature=emb_logo

Difficulties with accessing classrooms
The most common reason for not being able to access a Classroom is that you need to be logged in to your child's Google account. Sometimes when opening new tabs in a browser it will default to a different account. In Chrome, you can check which account you're using with the icon at the top right of the browser window.



Tips to help keep your child safe online

The internet is great for learning, sharing, connecting and creating. So try and balance how you guide your child on online safety with an understanding of why they want to use it. You don't want your child to feel they can't come to you if they encounter a problem online.

Set rules and agree boundaries as a family

- Set boundaries for how long your child can spend online and what they can do.
- Agree this as a family so that access to devices can be shared fairly.
- Remember there are tools that can help you manage and monitor access and use across all devices.

Talk about online safety and get involved

- Have conversations about online safety little and often and build it into other conversations.
- Ask questions about what they do online, such as what sites they visit and who they talk to.
- Make the use of the internet a family activity.
- Remember to share these rules with babysitters, childminders and other family members.
- Talk to other parents about internet use, such as what they do and don't allow.

Know who they are talking to

- Tell your child that strangers can pop up anywhere online: email, instant messenger, social networking sites or online games.
- Your child may feel they know someone well, even if they've only played a game with them online. So remember to talk to them about what they share with people they've only met online.
- Discuss boundaries and say you'd like to be friends on social networks, initially.
- Understand the games they play.
- Ensure your child knows what to do if someone they don't know contacts them, eg ask you for advice.
- Show your child how to report abuse and how to block people on the websites they use.

Check content is age-appropriate

- Check age ratings of games, online movies and websites.

Use parental and privacy controls

- Check the privacy settings on social media and websites.
- Adjust parental controls to suit your child's age and maturity.
- Make sure you always logout of your online accounts.