



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Welcome Back!

I hope that you are all well and have had a peaceful and SAFE holiday with your families. Welcome back to another strange start to a term! Once again we are back to remote learning at St. John's Highbury Vale.

As you will be aware all primary schools in London will operate remotely until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The staff have spent today planning and organising the remote learning for the children and ensuring that our risk assessments and procedures remain robust and relevant for the task ahead.

Just before the Christmas break, we had a number of staff test positive for Covid-19, they have spent a lot of the holidays isolating and recovering. I am pleased to report that the majority are fit and well and ready to go, however, we still have some members of staff recovering, isolating and shielding. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing them back in school soon.

The information below, will hopefully answer any questions you may have and enable your children to start their online learning tomorrow.

***If you require a laptop/chromebook in order to access remote learning, please contact the school via the usual email address [admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk) and we will organise for one to be loaned to you.***

## How will I know what I should be doing with my child?

Each day will begin with registration. It is imperative that your child respond to registration every day. This enables the class teacher to keep in contact with your child and also sets the expectations of what should be achieved each day.

Each day your child's class teacher will 'post' new work for your son and / or daughter to complete on Google Classroom. Some of this work will include presentations where your child will be able to see and hear their teacher explaining the work. These are not 'live' so can be looked at whenever is convenient to your family.





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### **Will I still be able to get a 'paper pack'?**

If you cannot access Google Classroom, a pack of work will be made available from the office.

### **Should my child wear school uniform?**

Yes, children should wear school uniform to school and I would encourage wearing school uniform at home as this will help the children get into the mindset that the same expectations of learning and behaviour apply at home.

### **Can I still communicate with my child's class teacher?**

Yes. Your child's class teacher will be monitoring the virtual classroom BUT please be aware, that due to limited staff, they will also be overseeing pupils in school. You can speak to your child's class teacher via the usual channels, Google Classroom, Class Dojo and email.

### **Can I still communicate with the office?**

Please continue to send emails to the office [admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk), but be aware that the office may be operating under limited staffing. We will always endeavour to reply promptly to your emails.

### **How can I access my child's entitlement to Free School Meals?**

We will continue to provide vouchers to those families who are entitled to Free School Meals and are not attending learning at school.

### **How long will this last for?**

We are making plans based on government guidance. As it stands, remote learning will remain in place until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January. We will write to update you as soon as we have confirmation on any changes.

For those parents dropping their children off at school, may I remind you that Conewood Street is still a school street and will be closed to traffic during pick up and drop off times. Also, as part of Islington's 'low traffic neighbourhood pilot scheme' you will not be able to access the school from Drayton Park/Holloway.

Finally, on behalf of the staff team at St. John's, I would like to say a big thank you for the Christmas gifts received. Your thoughtful words of support and encouragement were incredibly uplifting and very much appreciated.





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Although this is not the start to the Spring term that we had hoped for, we want you to know that we will do all that we can to ensure that there is little to no disruption to your child's learning whether they are at home or at school.

If you require any further information or have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read  
Executive Headteacher

