

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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We try to follow Jesus by loving each other and caring for God's world.

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Remote Learning Information

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you are all safe and well. We would like to update you with some Remote Learning information.

Since the 22nd October 2020, following government guidance, the school has prepared remote learning to support children that may be self-isolating. Our Remote Learning policy is attached and can be found on the school website.

I am sure you can appreciate that our teachers are working very hard in school with the children that can attend and trying to ensure that there is additional learning for those that cannot.

At this time our current remote learning policy does not include video lessons for a variety of reasons that are specific to our setting and Primary School education.

- 1) Streaming live lessons is not effective or productive. The movements of a normal lesson and interruptions have a huge impact on the sound and vision quality that makes for poor viewing and learning online.
- 2) Technical difficulties take a lot of resourcing and time to manage which will take away the teacher from their main class duties.
- 3) Virtual online video lessons are not inclusive. It is hard to ensure that the children in the class and online get a fair amount of time with the teacher that is quality support.
- 4) We are aware that some families may not have access online. This means that not all children can be part of an online lesson.

In some cases, teachers may organise a short live 'Zoom' session, .e.g. story time. This will only be organised if the teacher has the time and resources to do so. This will vary depending on a whether a whole bubble or a few individuals have been asked to self-isolate.

We hope to offer short pre-recorded videos to keep in contact with children so they can see a friendly face. We will also keep in touch via phone or email if parents/carers have any questions or want any support.

A live 'Zoom' assembly is held every Monday morning at 9:10am. Families are welcome to join the assembly using the details provided in your child's Google classroom.

If your child does attend a live 'Zoom' session, please find attached some rules for online live sessions.

We hope you understand our present remote learning expectations. If you have any difficulties accessing remote learning, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office and we will try to help.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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