

Dear Parents,

17/3/20

In the event of school potentially closing in the near future, I wish to set out the plans of how we are intending to share learning with your child during the period of closure.

Seesaw - A separate sheet will accompany this letter giving details how to set up and log-in on your home computers and laptops. Children have had time working with Seesaw in class and it is felt that this will provide a more personal approach to just 'working-through-a-book'. It also allows staff to offer daily feedback. We have spoken to children and have agreed to loan out equipment to children who do not have their own device to work on from home. We require GDPR compliancy in order to set up the platform but feel that with time pressing, an 'opt-out' procedure is best. **If you would like to opt out from Seesaw during this time of closure and instead would prefer a more traditional paper-based form of learning please inform the office via email stating your child's name:**

admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk

During the closure we will also provide other work that is not 'Seesaw' related. This includes:

Curriculum Visions – An online series of non-fiction books where children are asked to research particular areas of their topic. www.curriculumvisions.com

Login stjamesjuniors/0001

Password jungle

Interactive Resources – A number of mathematical games, puzzles and displays. Very interactive and covers all maths topics in the curriculum www.interactive-resources.co.uk

Log in pupil4

Password 12345678

CGP Books – Year 6 will continue to work through their SATS study books in all areas

Year 3-5 have received a CGP Key Maths Questions Book to work on daily. These are yet to arrive but hopefully will be delivered tomorrow.

Answers will be sent with all CGP books so that parents can go over the work and support in any tricky questions the children have got wrong

Timetables Rockstars/Spelling Shed – Usernames/Passwords are individual to the child and can be found on the inside of their homework book. Teachers have also provided copies of these with the Seesaw letter. Children are very familiar in working on these platforms and we would ask children to continue to work on them. Spelling lists will be updated weekly. Alternatively other times table sites include <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> and <http://www.timestables.me.uk/> that are better suited to certain pupils.

Reading – We will ask children to collect a few books at their level to keep them busy during time of closure. Once completed, the children can access the Accelerated Reading quiz typically done in school by following the link:

<https://ukhosted29.renlearn.co.uk/2235933/>

Username is 1st initial followed by 1st 4 letters of surname

i.e. Joe Bloggs is JBLOG, David Beckham is DBECK

All passwords are ABC

SPAG.com – An online platform that tests their understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar. The website checks understanding and feeds scores back to teachers,

Daily routine

10am – Teachers will set the work and send out remotely via seesaw. You will see this pop up under the activities tab.

Children have until 2pm to work through the daily English and Maths (answers provided for maths)

2pm – Seesaw tasks are posted back to the teacher for approval

2pm- Staff will then look through the work and share their marking. Celebrations and possible corrections then be shared directly to you. No other children or parents will see your child's work.

It is expected that your child will receive a response by approx. 3:30pm

Science/History/Topic Projects

In addition, the children will be given a **week-long project** linked to their science or history to work on. This will be set on Monday and received back by 2pm the following Monday.

This routine will remain throughout the closure period, exempt of usual Easter Holidays.

We have had very limited time in setting up this plan. Every effort has gone into minimising the impact on your child's learning but this is unprecedented ground for everyone. If we encounter teething problems with this, there will remain an open communication line with the school.

Both myself and school office team will be on hand to communicate with you and hopefully resolve any barriers during this difficult time.

If you have any concerns regarding school work, or need to speak to the school during this time please do not hesitate to email admin@stjamesjun.cumbria.sch.uk

Of course, this plan will only start if we are informed that we must close the school. We are continuing to monitor updates and making decisions on the way forward in light of the most up-to-date news. As always, we will endeavour in keeping you informed.

Kind Regards



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