

6 January 2021

Dear parent or carer

Online learning

As you know, our primary classes in Years 5 and 6 have moved to online learning as part of the government's lockdown measures. We have been working hard to provide lessons in school since the previous lockdown and it will take a few days to have our new systems fully up and running to work from home rather than from the classroom.

Lessons are being uploaded by your child's teacher each day to Google Classroom and for the moment, your child should access these and complete the tasks. In the coming days we will move to "live learning" where teachers will deliver lessons via video link. You can find all the information about this on our website at <https://www.jcsc.co.uk/home-learning/>.

Learning at home means more use of computers, tablets and phones so we need to limit screen time. It is also quite tiring using technology for hours on end, so our school day will change to avoid this happening. Live lessons in English will launch from **Thursday 7 January** in English and all other live lessons from **Monday 11 January**. Until those dates (or if the technology lets you down and you cannot access the live lesson) lessons should be followed as shown in Google Classroom. Students unable to attend the lessons live will be able to access the resources via Google Classroom in the usual way.

Time	Activity
0845 to 0945	Read Write Inc (for selected students who will be informed in advance) Or Reading Plus (30 mins each Tuesday and Thursday) Or Joe Wicks (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - just google "Joe Wicks YouTube channel" at 0900 each day)
0950 to 1035	Live Lesson English
1050 to 1135	Live Lesson Maths
1150 to 1235	Live Lesson Wider Curriculum Mondays: Science Tuesdays: Humanities Wednesdays: Art and Design Thursdays: French Fridays: Fun Time Friday (competitions, chats, quizzes, etc)
1310 to 1350	Live Lesson Guided Reading Mondays: 5A and 6A Tuesdays: 5B and 6B Wednesdays: 5C and 6C Thursdays: 5D and 6D Fridays: Assembly for all students (until 1325)

From 1310 your child should aim to do 30 minutes minimum of activities from our "FlexiLearning" menu. This will be guided reading one day a week plus some of these:

- ICT (30 mins minimum per week)
- RE (30 mins minimum per week)
- Reading Plus
- Time Tables Rock Stars
- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zwxhfg8>. For example, the "essentials" part of music and "Lent" and "Easter" in RE.

We will add more activities to the "FlexiLearning" menu as time goes on. Guided reading will begin once we are able to get the reading books out to your home.

Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable (KVV) students attending school will follow a similar pattern for lessons and we would appreciate them bringing an inexpensive pair of earphones or headphones to use with computers in school. If this is a problem, please let your child's teacher know. I have ordered a pair for everyone but I am not sure of the quality until they arrive!

Reading Plus requires the use of a tablet or computer and does not really work on mobile phones. If ICT access or broadband are an issue, please let me know via email at dnisbet01@jcsc.co.uk or by speaking to Mrs Stewart or Miss Hills on 01665 710636.

Join us for an informal Zoom chat

I will be hosting a series of Zoom coffee events during lockdown. Spaces are limited to twelve households per event and will run from 1400 to 1500 on the following Thursdays:

14 January 2021

28 January 2021

11 February 2021

These are informal gatherings for a small group of parents and carers to have a chat about how things are going and to ask any questions about what is happening in school. They work best when you sign up with a friend unless you are super brave and want to come alone! You can do so using this form:

[Zoom Coffee Sign Up](#)

I appreciate this letter is very detailed. If you have any comments or questions, your best contact is your child's teacher though you can also email me at any time. Here are our email addresses:

5A	Mrs Allman	Jallman01@jcsc.co.uk
5B	Miss Armstrong	Sarmstrong01@jcsc.co.uk
5C	Mr Hall	Khall01@jcsc.co.uk
5D	Mrs Archer	Jarcher01@jcsc.co.uk
6A	Mr Bailey	Nbailey01@jcsc.co.uk
6B	Miss Cartmell	Vcartmell01@jcsc.co.uk
6C	Mr Heeney	Aheeney01@jcsc.co.uk
6D	Miss Middleton	Lmiddleton01@jcsc.co.uk
	Mr Nisbet	Dnisbet01@jcsc.co.uk

Please do let us know if we can help in any way.

Yours faithfully

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Head of School