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Dear parent or carer

As we draw to the end of the school week, I must thank you for your patience with our online learning provision. We were given little to no notice to set this up for Years 5 and 6 but this is nothing compared to the strain and anxiety that many of our families felt when they had to make alternative work arrangements overnight.

Lesson Schedule

Our live lessons started in English on Thursday, my assembly on Friday and then to maths and other curriculum subjects from next week.

Our weekly schedule still looks like this:

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 https://www.jcsc.co.uk/home-learning/
1050 to 1135	Live Lesson Maths https://www.jcsc.co.uk/home-learning/
1150 to 1235	Live Lesson Wider Curriculum https://www.jcsc.co.uk/home-learning/ Mondays: Science Tuesdays: Humanities Wednesdays: Art and Design Thursdays: French Fridays: Fun Time Friday (competitions, chats, quizzes, etc)
1310 to 1350	Flexilearning Live Lesson Guided Reading https://www.jcsc.co.uk/home-learning/ Mondays: 5A and 6A Tuesdays: 5B and 6B Wednesdays: 5C and 6C Thursdays: 5D and 6D Fridays: Assembly for all students (until 1325)

I appreciate it will take a while to work out how to get into each of the live lessons. You are welcome to watch our assembly each Friday at 1310!

All the work for the afternoon can be found in our new "FlexiLearning" section on Google Classroom and government guidance states that your child should spend around one hour and 15 minutes each day on tasks from this section. We are populating it now with activities and your child should aim to the ICT and RE tasks as well as using Time Tables Rock Stars and Reading Plus. There is additional Reading Plus time on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 0845 and we will track how often and how successfully the children are using this.

If your child is doing "Read Write Inc" work, this may happen at 0845 or during the FlexiLearning time. You will be told about this if it applies to your child.

Update on things we have ordered for home learning

We won't be able to start our guided reading lessons with your child until Monday 18 January as we need to get the books to you. Mrs Johnson and I are planning to do this next week as well as deliver art materials for Years 5 and 6 so if you are at home we can give you a socially distanced wave.

Children in school will be given them to take away. All I ask is that the books are well looked after and are returned in good condition in a few weeks' time.

We have ordered a programme used by many schools called "My Maths" which will allow your child to submit work electronically, get it marked instantly and their teacher will track their progress and set future lessons accordingly. My Maths will appear as part of live learning during the next week. Our class reading books are arriving a bit slowly (these are different books to guided reading) due to high demand from schools across England this week. As soon as we get them, we will start to distribute these too.

Zoom Coffee Event sign-up

I know some people are struggling to access the booking for the Zoom Coffee events. Here is the link again, along with a QR code:

[Zoom Coffee sign up form](#)



Cancellation of SATS for Year 6 and feeling Year 5 has hardly got going

You may have heard that the SATs have been cancelled for this summer. We believe is the right thing for the government to do. We will continue to monitor and assess Year 6 to ensure that they make the fastest progress possible when they return to school. I'm very sad that the year group won't get the chance to shine in the summer tests but they can amaze us in so many other ways when they return. As for Year 5, we are all a bit down that we have only just started to know them and can't wait to see the year group again. We miss everyone.

By choosing to send your child to JCSC, their journey with us continues for many years to come. We are already thinking of ways for Year 5 and Year 6 to catch up with the work they have missed throughout this wretched pandemic. While I know many of you are incredibly stressed and anxious about helping your child learn at home, bear in mind that Year 6 do not sit GCSEs until 2026 and Year 5 until 2027. We have years to make up all this lost time and we will do it together.

In the meantime, if you are struggling with your child being home in this lockdown, please do not give yourself a hard time. You are doing fine and your child will be fine too. As ever, stay in touch if things get tough and thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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