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8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to you all for everything that you have done this week and for the kind messages that we've been receiving, it certainly has been a busy time since we all heard the announcement at the 8pm briefing on Monday! You have been extremely understanding and patient with the very sudden changes and new ways of working and your words of support and encouragement have been greatly appreciated by all members of staff.

The way in which the children have adapted has been incredible and I have been so proud of them all. It is strange to yet again not have all of the children in school with us and we miss them dearly. This is not the way any of us envisaged starting the new term but as we come to the end of the first week of the new year I would also like to extend my thanks to the amazing staff at ASM that have taken the change in direction in their stride and have put in a herculean effort to provide remote learning and feedback as well as those supporting children in school - what a team!

Please understand that both myself and the ASM team completely understand that the experience of remote learning will look and feel different for different families. Each family has their own individual pressures that they will experience during this time of national lockdown and not everyday will be the same. I do not want you to worry and I would like to reassure you that we are all here to support you when needed. We are all looking forward to such a time when it is safe for us all to be together once more.

Children accessing education remotely

We have been incredibly impressed with how well the children are adapting to their remote learning with lots getting going straight away on Wednesday. Please do not panic if you're still getting to grips with Google Classroom and the remote learning. If you need help, or are struggling with the lack of technology or wifi, please do contact us so we can look at how we can help. Please also respond to the Mobile Network Data offer questionnaire which has been sent to you via email.

We are all having to get used to new things at this time and I can assure you it is ok if this takes time! The teachers here have had to help me with Google Classroom and teach me how to set up the live assemblies so we are all learning together! Our Reception children are accessing some fun activities from their teachers on Tapestry and it's been brilliant to see so many parents using this platform.

Some Technical information

Here is the link to our webpage with helpful guides

- If you need your login and passwords, please don't hesitate to contact the school.
- If you're accessing Google Classroom on a mobile device or tablet, you may need to download some Google Applications (APPS) - Google Docs and Google Presentation, these are both free.



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- If children would like to complete their learning on paper, this can be shared with the teacher by taking a photo and uploading it to the Google Classroom Stream.
- Good news - you are able to access Google Classroom through an Xbox or Playstation - see info below. Please note that you cannot 'turn in' the work back to the teacher using this, instead, children should note down their answers / work, take a photo and add it to the stream on Google Classroom. If you need a jotter book for this, please let us know. We have sent an additional letter with these further instructions on how to access this.



1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for Google Classroom
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

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Maintaining Contact

In addition to remote education, we will be hosting some live sessions using Google Meet beginning next week. **These will not be live lessons.** These sessions will give the children a chance to interact with their teacher and each other. A timetable and information regarding how this will work will be communicated in class newsletters. These sessions will be staggered as we

know some children may need to share a digital device with their siblings and therefore cannot all be on at once.

When accessing these sessions please ensure the following:

- That your child will be working in a secure and appropriate environment and consider what can be seen on screen e.g. appropriate backgrounds.
- That all people attending the session are appropriately dressed.
- Please mute your sound to ensure there is no background noise or interference during the session. We will invite the children to unmute or use the chat at times during the session.

<u>Week 1 (11.1.21)</u>		
Monday - Check in	Wednesday - Story	Friday - Celebration assembly
9.15- Courtenay	9.15- Forde	9.15 - Bradley
9.45- Templar	9.45- Bradley	9.45- Courtenay
10.30- Forde	10.15- Templar	10.15- Templar
11.00 - Bradley	10.45 - Courtenay	10.45- Forde

Risk Assessment

I have updated the school risk assessment to reflect the current situation. This is now on our school website for your viewing and will be available to view here:

<https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/news/letters-parents/>

Please do take the time to read this and, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

You may have heard in the media this week that the Education secretary Gavin Williamson has announced that the SATs tests this year have been cancelled. If you have any questions about this or you would like to discuss this then please contact me at school.

Finally, during the last lockdown we loved seeing photos of what the children were up and we'd love this to happen again. Please either email these directly to the class email account or add to Google Classroom stream or Tapestry for Reception children, it really does bring a smile to teacher's faces to see what the children are doing at home. These photos are a fun way of connecting and (if we have photo permissions for your child), we may well use these photos to share in our newsletters and on social media.

Once again, thank you for everything that you continue to do from remote learning, to learning in school, to adhering to the new restrictions and so much more. All of your efforts really do ensure



that you are supporting the national effort and helping to keep our All Saints Marsh community safe. It has been heart-warming to see how everyone has pulled together again and it shows what a truly special community you are. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend- stay safe and look after yourselves.

Mrs Edwards

Head of Academy