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# Overton St. Helen's C.E.School

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***'Surrounded by God, we inspire hearts and minds through learning, faith and love'***

5<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope by now the dust is settling after yesterday evening's broadcast by the Prime Minister and you are coming to terms with our new reality for the next few weeks. Today we have been busy confirming Key Worker lists but it is clear that the majority of our pupils will be remaining at home. I appreciate that the overriding feeling you will have is worry at how this will affect your child, however let us stay hopeful that this will not be for as long as it was last March and that we will all be together again, back in school soon.

However, for this lockdown, things are very different and so please read this letter very carefully. School has been working hard developing Remote Education via Google Classroom; this is the avenue we will use in order to ensure all our pupils continue to learn, whilst away from school. The first most important thing to check is that your child has their log in details for this – if they do not and are unsure how to log on, please contact the class teacher via the class email addresses as a matter of urgency. It is vitally important that you can access Google Classroom.

Each week, the teachers will use Google Classroom to provide three lessons per day – Maths, English and one other that will vary. In addition, we have two workbooks for every child which we need you to collect from school tomorrow (see below). The teachers will indicate which pages need to be completed using Google Classroom.

We recommend that you get into a good routine at home, getting up at the usual time and sticking to a daily timetable of when to complete each lesson. Work needs to be 'turned in' once completed so that teachers can provide any feedback necessary and give any further instruction. On occasion, teachers may want to send a message to all the class. Again, this will be done via Google Classroom so we recommend getting in to a daily habit of logging on to check messages too. There is bound to be a few hiccups or teething problems. If you struggle with anything, simply email the teachers using the class email address and they will be able to help you.

All the above is dependent on a computer. If you are struggling to access a device for your child, we do have a very limited bank of laptops available for families to lend. Please get in touch with the class teacher to inform them of this and we will be able to organise something to help you.

We will endeavour to keep in touch as much as possible. During our last lockdown, many of you sent photographs of the things you had been up to at home. Please feel free to send these in again, especially if anyone has produced a piece of work they are particularly proud of. You are welcome to use the email [facebook@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:facebook@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk) for this purpose.

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Please refer to the below times in regard to collecting your child's workbooks from school. These are for children in Holly, Elm, Willow Beech and Oak. If you have children in multiple classes, simply chose a time slot from one of your child's classes and pick them all up at the same time.

My sincere thanks for the patience and courage you are showing at the moment. Thank you also for the many kind messages of support you have sent our way – it really does make a huge difference.

Take great care and stay safe,

Joanne Easthope

### **WORKBOOK PICK UP TIMES – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Please come to the school office to collect

Holly Class: 9.30am – 10am

Elm Class: 10.30 am – 11.00am

Willow Class: 11.00am – 11.30am

Beech Class: 11.30am – 12noon

Oak Class: 1.00pm – 1.30pm

### **CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Please use the below email addresses as the main avenue of communication with the class teacher

[maple@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:maple@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk)

[holly@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:holly@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk)

[elm@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:elm@overton-st-helens.lancs.sch.uk)

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