

# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you again for supporting the school with the new measures and especially for your patience with the staggered start times. I am also delighted to see so many of you agreeing to wear a face mask during drop-off and collection times. This not only protects yourselves but also those around you who may be vulnerable.

Staff have worked hard over the last few months to put together a package of home learning resources that can be accessed by you and your children in the event of whole school closure or a class having to self-isolate.

They are as follows:

- Access to daily learning activities and weekly planning specific to your child's year group. If your child is absent from school the class teacher will provide you with a password that allows you to access an office 365 file which contains the weekly planning and daily activities.
- Class DOJO will continue to be used to upload work, videos and written messages as a form of communication and feedback.
- There is a wide range of DFE quality assured online resources that we will also continue to signpost you to such as: Oak National Academy, BBC bite-size, White Rose Maths and Purple Mash.
- Live or pre-recorded lessons and teacher/pupil check-ins will be conducted through the use of Microsoft Teams. This facility is available to every child. A parent guide to Microsoft Teams can be found by following this link <http://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/page/home-learning-resources/73636> The guide contains key information on how to sign in and set up your child's account - your log-in details can only be issued once both online documents have been completed and submitted.

As technology continues to evolve, education finds new ways of engaging with it to develop the children's learning. We are really excited about the number of opportunities Microsoft Teams will provide. We can even use it for "Friends of St Luke's" fundraising events!

With the current situation, it is impossible to predict when a class or an individual may need to self-isolate. Therefore, it is imperative that you read the schools 'Distance Learning Policy' on the school website at <http://saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/page/policies/19527>

We also require that you sign two important documents. The first is the GDPR Images and Videos permission form which can be found by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xK8IMvjIb0S53YjLkVZlog6r0RaroxAIXzyG8JC61hUMDEzOU9HR1VMRE9HTDRYQ0I5N0VPRVIMUS4u>

The second document is the Parent and Carer Distance Learning Agreement which can be found by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xK8IMvjIb0S53YjLkVZlog6r0RaroxAIXzyG8JC61hUN0NWNzU1MzVCQIISVIJFODkzUjFLVDBOSi4u>

Without your consent to use Microsoft teams your child will not be able to take part in any live lessons or teacher/ pupil check-ins.

We have spent an enormous amount of time in choosing a platform that is both encrypted and secure. Due diligence has been applied to the safeguarding measures that will keep both adults and children safe online. You will find these safeguarding measures listed in the 'Distance Learning Policy'.

Although we embrace this new digital way of learning, it is no substitute for quality first teaching and as ever we endeavour to keep your children in school for the benefit of their educational needs and mental health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Hardaker  
Headteacher



