



22 January 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been brilliant to see so many of our children who are learning remotely from home joining our live lessons with their teacher this week. The feedback from our pupils, parents and teachers has unanimously been that the opportunity to take part in a live lesson is extremely beneficial for everyone. The children's behaviour and interaction during these sessions has been exemplary and we thank parents for supporting us with this. The quality and quantity of work being submitted by the children is very good and it is lovely to see some of the other things our children are doing at home too. Please continue to submit the children's work to the teacher for feedback. As the days and weeks progress and we receive feedback, we are keen to refine and improve the remote learning offer for our pupils and parents. We have made some slight changes for next week which are detailed below.

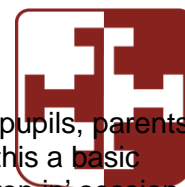
Live Lessons

- You will be notified at the start of each day as to when any live lessons are taking place on the TEAMS noticeboard (this is in your child's class TEAMS area).
- From next Wednesday, live lessons will be recorded, so if your child is unable to attend at the time, it can still be accessed later. The recorded live lessons can be found in the 'chat feed'. Please be aware that live lessons are automatically deleted after 21 days.
- So far, we have delivered live lessons with the pupils' cameras 'off', but from next Wednesday cameras will be set to 'on'. This means that your child can opt to have their camera 'on' or 'off' during a live lesson as they will have control of this. Pupils should ensure that their background is on the blurred setting.
- If you would prefer your child's camera to be permanently 'off' (this is the current setting), you need to inform your child's class teacher using the class email address, so that we can ensure it remains set up this way, and your child will not have control of the camera. Please ensure you do this before Wednesday 27 January.
- Just a reminder that every Friday there will be a class celebration assembly which we would really like all children to attend if possible, but if your child isn't able to attend, they will be recorded for your child to access at a different time. Each class's assembly time will be displayed on the TEAMS noticeboard. You should have also received a message via email to advise the times.

Non-negotiables

- Last week we sent out the non-negotiables for pupils, so please make sure that you have shared these with your child (attached) if you haven't managed to do so already. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to revisit these with your child as we will now be delivering lessons with the cameras on.
- I would just like to draw your attention to one slight amendment. We have added 'photos' to the following statement: 'pupils should not record / take, store or distribute video materials or photos without permission'.

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IT/TEAMS Support - Live Drop-ins

We understand that using Microsoft TEAMS for remote learning is a new way of working for pupils, parents and teachers, and we know that you may have technical questions around the software, be this a basic question or a more intricate one. In order to help with this, we will be running a weekly IT 'drop in' session over TEAMS with one of our MAT IT technicians, Mr J Taylor. These 'drop-in' sessions will run for the next couple of weeks whilst parents and pupils are getting used to TEAMS, and hopefully in this time, we will be able to address any queries or technical difficulties you are experiencing. The drop-in session will take place on Tuesdays at 3.30-4.30pm.

Please use this link if you would like to drop in to one of these sessions

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDIwOWZiYWQtdNDU1OC00ZTQ3LWFjMzktMTIxNzYzODAyMWVNk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ae3d2108-92e8-40b7-9cfc-9b463f21fd37%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2292dd4560-99e2-4e3a-b857-cc8ff68028ef%22%7d

Accessing Remote Learning

- If your child does not have access to a suitable device and/or internet access is an issue, please contact school as soon as possible so we can support with this.
- I would just like to make you aware that an X-Box can be used to broadcast a live lesson, which might be useful to know if you have more than one child at home and they are both trying to join a live lesson at the same time. It is only suitable for this purpose and not for accessing all the learning (such as assignments, submitting work etc.), as a laptop or computer is required.

If you have any further queries or would like support with anything related to remote learning, please contact the class teacher through the class email or the office at contactus@stchads.trinitymat.org.

Class teachers will continue to keep in touch with you each week if your child is learning remotely at home.

Yours sincerely,

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