

## **Home Learning Information for Parents (updated 23.4.20)**

### How does it happen in each phase?

Reception teachers email parents a daily plan with ideas so parents can pick and mix and go at their pace. Then the Interactive Learning Diary is used to communicate back and forth.

Year 1 and Year 2 email out a weekly plan to parents and publish the activities on the school website under 'HOME LEARNING'. Communication is via parent emails.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 use the Google Classroom. All children have their own log in. They can submit work online or complete the work in exercise books.

For those who can't access on-line learning at home, work will be posted out Friday each week so it is ready in time for Monday.

### How do I get help?

If you want any help with any aspect of the home learning, we are here to support. You can always email the teacher using [classname@st-margaret's.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:classname@st-margaret's.torbay.sch.uk) or email the office team on [adminteam@st-margaret's.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:adminteam@st-margaret's.torbay.sch.uk) or phone school on 01803 327090 from 8.30 – 12.00 each day. If it's IT help you need, email [ithelp@st-margaret's.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:ithelp@st-margaret's.torbay.sch.uk).

If you want packs of learning posted out please let the office or teacher know before Friday.

Read back through the weekly coronavirus updates for a whole range of advice, suggestions and guidance covering home learning, online safety and mental health. This is also collated into the *Help for Parents* document under HOME LEARNING on the website.

### What do I do with my child's work if they have completed it on paper or in their exercise book at home?

While there is no expectation to return work in the post, you are welcome to do so and if doing so please address to the class teacher on the envelope. When we return to business as normal, children can bring in work done at home to share with the teacher.

### How do I manage if I have more than one child and only one device?

If you have more than one child and only one computer / ipad, use a different browser for each child (e.g. Internet Explorer, Chrome and Firefox). This way they can take turns during the day by just clicking their chosen browser and not having to start from the beginning each time.

### What do I do if the work is too hard?

If you have children in different year groups in the school and you're finding it a struggle to meet all their needs via different teachers, feel free to just choose one teacher and use that work for each of your children if suitable.

There is always a choice of task so this might work well, especially for children with similar aged siblings.

Contact the teacher who will help with different work and suggestions.

The following website provides support for children and families with special educational needs <https://contact.org.uk/>

What do I do if I'm finding it all too hard to manage home life, work commitments and home learning?

The best thing you can do to help your child is to maintain routines, ensuring they

- get up and go to bed at the same time each day
- have regular meal times
- have regular breaks
- make time to be active - children are used to regular play at lunch and break times

Find some time to spend with your child listening to them read or sharing a good book. Reading is the foundation of everything so if there is only one bit of learning you can manage, make it this.