



Thursday 4th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Remote Learning Core Offer

Thank you for your support this half term as we have found ourselves in unprecedented circumstances once again. As a school we have set out to continue to offer the curriculum that we had planned for your children through Google Classrooms (please see attachment). We are sorry if any of you were unable to watch the Parent Webinar on Tuesday. Please use [Google Classroom A Parent's Guide](#) to help you help your child on Google Classroom.

Over the past few weeks, we have continued to try and refine the process and make sure that what we have been offering, works for you and your children in varying situations. As a staff team we have developed a core offer for our pupils to ensure that we are not only meeting Government expectations but ensuring that you and your children are able to receive a Creative, Real and Engaging Curriculum alongside their peers.

Next week, we would like to try a new initiative – '**Wellbeing Wednesday**'. We will continue to offer a range of activities including Maths, English, Reading and wider curriculum activities but without the need for a screen. Staff will upload the activities on a Tuesday to the Google Classroom and your children will be able to work through them at their own pace throughout the day. We would love your feedback on the initiative and whether you would support the idea going forward. We will send a quick survey on Thursday next week to see how the day went and if you would like it to continue.

On Tuesday 9th February 2021 it is **Safer Internet Day**. Usually at school we would work on a range of activities about how we can keep ourselves safe online. With Remote Learning, never has this been more important, so on Safer Internet Day your child will be working with their class teachers thinking about how they will keep themselves safe online. We will start the day with a live Whole School Assembly – this is something new so bear with us and be prepared for a video recording if the Internet cannot cope with us all coming together.

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Once again, Thank You for all your support this term, we are so proud of each family in our STM Community and the ways that you have supported your children and our school community get through these challenging times.

We look forward to when we can come together again safely.

Stay Safe and Be All You Can Be!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MS', is positioned above the name 'Mr Shaw'.

Mr Shaw
Head of School

St Thomas More VC Academy

Remote Learning Offer

All activities will be uploaded via your child's Google Classroom, if you are unable to access these resources they will be printed on a weekly basis and will be available for collection by contacting the school office.

There is a resource base available at school to supplement the Remote Learning offer including exercise books and stationery for your children to work with.

Our core offer, outlined below, will be supplemented by the teacher to meet the needs of the children within the classes. All children should access their Google Classroom by 9:00am to see their daily activities and timetable of lessons.

Why Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a web-based program that works on a wide variety of devices, including smart phones, Chromebooks, iPads/tablets and even games consoles connected to the internet.

Work will be uploaded using editable Google documents that should be 'Turned in' when completed. You can add attachments and upload photos and videos to these documents to show what your children have been learning.

Foundation Stage

As a Foundation Stage Unit, we will offer a range of activities to support your children achieve throughout the curriculum. At times the activities will be for all the children and other activities will be specifically for children in FS1 or FS2.

	Foundation Stage 1	Foundation Stage 2
Phonics	Daily Activities with a video for families to access to support learning at home	Live meet up with expectations and Monster Feeding times with activities to support home learning
Maths	Daily Activities with a video for families to access to support learning at home	Live catch up with expectations and Monster Feeding times with activities to support home learning
Physical Development	Daily Activities available	
Story Time	Live Storytime with the video uploaded to Google Classroom for children to listen to later	
RE	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom	
Talk 4 Writing	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom	
Wider Curriculum	Topic Activities uploaded to Google Classroom for children to access throughout the week	

Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1, we will offer the following range of activities for your child. The activities will be uploaded for your child daily and weekly as specified below. Some activities will have live lessons to support, others will have instructions to help you and your child complete the activities.

Check-in	Regular Check-ins with class teacher
Phonics	Daily Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
Maths	Live Lesson/Pre-recorded Lesson with follow up activity daily
English	Live Lesson/Pre-recorded Lesson with follow up activity daily
Reading	Daily Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
RE	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
Science	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
Wellbeing	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
Wider Curriculum	Topic Activities uploaded to Google Classroom for children to access throughout the week

This will be supplemented by other activities including Spelling Shed; Numbots and Timestable Rockstars activities.

Key Stage 2

In Key Stage 2, we will offer the following range of activities for your child. The activities will be uploaded for your child daily and weekly as specified below. Some activities will have live lessons to support, others will have instructions to help you and your child complete the activities.

Check-in	Regular Check-ins with class teacher
Maths	Live Lesson/Pre-recorded Lesson with follow up activity daily
English	Live Lesson/Pre-recorded Lesson with follow up activity daily
Reading	Daily Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
RE	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
Science	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
Wellbeing	Weekly Activity uploaded to Google Classroom
Wider Curriculum	Topic Activities uploaded to Google Classroom for children to access throughout the week

This will be supplemented by other activities including Spelling Shed; Numbots and Timestable Rockstars activities.

Support

In the first instance, use the Private Message function to contact your child's class teacher. If you are unable to access the Google Classroom email admin@stmhull.org and we will email you login instructions. We have a few devices that we are in the process of being allocated to families in order of need. Once devices become available, we will distribute these to families with a loan agreement. If you do not have WIFI at home and would benefit from a mobile data increase, please contact the school office.