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Dear Parent / Carer

Google Classroom

During this half term we will continue to use Google Classroom to set homework and home study tasks for self-isolating students. Google Classroom can be activated to provide parents/carers with information about the tasks set for your child(ren) via email. This function was used throughout lockdown and has now been reactivated. You will be able to receive weekly summaries of any homework tasks that are due to be handed in and any deadlines that your child has missed. By providing an overview of the work that your child is asked to complete at home, we hope that this will allow you to help your child to prioritise their homework tasks and meet deadlines for completion.

Throughout lockdown we experienced a number of issues with Google Classroom alerting parents/carers that their child had missed a deadline; should this happen, please ask your child to sign in to Google Classroom to check that they have clicked the 'Hand in' or 'Submit' buttons, even if they have completed the task on paper.

If you experience any problems with the use of Google Classroom, please could I ask that you do not contact your child's teachers directly via Google Classroom. Instead, there are a couple of options:

- For support with technical issues (your child can't access work/ experiencing difficulty accessing Google Classroom etc) please contact our IT Team by emailing: support@stjosephs.uk.net
- For support because your child doesn't understand an aspect of the work that has been set: your child can message their teacher on Google Classroom or could speak to their teacher the following day to ask for help and guidance.

Additionally, we have a short guide to Google Classroom on our website: <http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Google-Classroom-Tutorial-2020.pdf>

Microsoft Teams

We are always looking at ways to improve our provision of home learning during periods of self-isolation. Microsoft Teams is now used extensively across our sixth form to allow 'live teaching' to students who are working from home. During this half term we will be looking to increase our use of 'live teaching' via Microsoft Teams for students in KS3 and KS4, particularly when whole classes of students are required to self-isolate. More information about Microsoft Teams can be found by following this link: <http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Meeting-via-Teams-information-for-parents.pdf>

Please contact your child's Head of House with any concerns or questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Ritchie (Deputy Headteacher - Teaching and Learning)

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