

# St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

Many thanks for your support so far in encouraging your child to engage with the work in the 'Home Study Portal' on our website. As you know, each subject sets tasks each week for your child to complete. These are a mixture of revisiting and retrieving previous learning, carefully introducing new ideas, and conducting research tasks and projects in order to engage with the wider curriculum. Hopefully you will agree that this gives a nice balance to the work. Additionally, we have our *#stjosephs20* challenges which should be less formal and a bit more fun!

As it is looking increasingly likely that we will remain closed to the majority of pupils for an extended period of time, we need to make a change to the way that we are setting our home study tasks. Over the next couple of weeks, we will move away from the setting of work via the Home Study Portal and will set the work on Google Classroom instead. The move to Google Classroom means that teachers will be more easily able to monitor the engagement and progress of their pupils. Additionally, pupils will be able to receive feedback about their learning. Our aim is that all work will be set on Google Classroom by Monday 4 May, with the portal no longer in use following this date.

In order to use Google Classroom to set work for home study, we require all pupils to sign in and join their relevant classes. For pupils who have not signed in previously, Mr Smail (Curriculum Leader for ICT and Computing) has produced a short instruction video to show pupils how to do this:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1VDUSHBqZuBy5f22XBGnpMjul6qDe22ZT>

If your child has forgotten their school email address and password, please email [support@stjosephs.uk.net](mailto:support@stjosephs.uk.net) and our support team will be able to help you.

Thanks in advance for your support with this change to the way that home study work will be set from Monday 4 May onwards. Home study work will continue to be set via the website portal until this date.

Kind regards

Mr P Mitchell  
(Acting Headteacher)



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