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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re Distance Learning at St Joseph's RC High School

As you are already aware, teachers have been gathering resources and activities for all pupils so that they can undertake **Distance Learning** from home. The main platform being utilised for this is Google Classroom. Teachers will use Google Classroom for a variety of reasons, for example, to communicate work, give reminders and provide feedback. The learning resources are now available on Google Classroom and teachers will be regularly monitoring your child's work.

As an approach to learning, we would suggest that pupils use their school timetable to direct their daily studies, as far as possible, so that their learning is diverse and yet manageable.

## **Distance Learning @ SJHS**

As a school, we use Google Classroom to interact with pupils, to set work, to provide feedback and share resources.

All information regarding **Distance Learning** at St Joseph's RC High School can now be found on our school website <u>https://www.sjhs.org.uk/</u>.

Please select **Academic** from the main menu at the top of the home page, then select **Distance Learning**. This will then take you to the information you and your child will need to continue their learning online.

On the **Distance Learning** page, you will find the **Student and Parent SJHS Google Classroom Guide** which is an interactive guide to Google Classroom.

Below this, you will find three white buttons:

- Google Classroom Login which takes you straight to Google Classroom;
- Helpdesk provides a direct link to our IT helpdesk;
- **Download** provides a link to download Google Classroom.

All our pupils have accessed Google Classroom, and most have already 'joined' a class with each of their teachers. Where your child has not had the opportunity to join a Classroom, please go to our **Distance Learning** page where you can access, through your child's year group, the correct Classroom codes. The code is only needed ONCE to join the class.

On the **Distance Learning** page, you will find the **Student and Parent SJHS Google Classroom Guide** will allow you and your child to:

- have an overview of Google Classroom, its features and other Google Apps;
- sign in;
- join a class;
- hand in work (assignment) and unsubmit work;
- turn in a quiz assignment;
- help with switching between Google Apps and Microsoft documents.

As with any aspect of digital learning, your child needs to ensure that they keep themselves safe online and that they adhere to the school's Student Acceptable Use Policy which can be found on our website: <u>https://www.sjhs.org.uk/\_site/data/files/documents/policies/9CD1719F43BE08A80D3351DD956AFA23.pdf</u> At the bottom of the **Distance Learning** page, you will also find a link to **Student safety** information regarding keeping safe online.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your incredible support at this particularly difficult time. Please be reassured that your child's education remains our main priority.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Jarrett Headteacher