



St. Joseph's RC High School

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10 September

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Distance learning

We are very disappointed that, having made such a positive start, Year 7 will need to stay at home for the next two weeks. Please be assured that, despite being at a physical distance from school, Year 7 remain part of our school community. During this period of self-isolation, Year 7 pupils will access their learning through Google Classroom. Many of you will already be familiar with Google Classroom from your child's primary school, however, if this is new to you and your child, you can refer to our guide which is available through this link: [Student and Parent SJHS Guide to Google Classroom](#). This 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

For further support with this, please click on this link which takes you to a youtube video where our Head of Computer Science/IT, Mr Driscoll, explains how to use Google Classroom: [How To Use Google Classroom](#)

You will need to know the Google Classroom Codes for each of your child's subjects. Please follow this link for all the [Year 7 Google Classroom codes](#). For each subject, you will find your child's form class and next to this, you will see the correct Classroom Code.

Once your child has joined each subject's classroom, they will find the resources they need and any assignments which need to be completed.

In order to further support your child over the 14 day self-isolation period, please follow this link to our school website's ['Fortnightly Learning Plan'](#) page. This document will provide you with an overview of the work your child will be completing over this period.

Please do not worry if your child is struggling to complete all the work. It is important that your child makes use of the 'Private Comment' facility on Google Classroom to ask questions and raise any concerns. Please refer to [Student and Parent SJHS Guide to Google Classroom](#) if you need support using the 'Private Comment' facility.

If you need any additional support with accessing Google Classroom, Mrs Moriarty, who leads on distance learning, will be happy to support you. You can email jmoriarty@sjhs.newport.sch.uk. We also have a dedicated IT Support Team who can assist you with any technical issues during the school day: techsupport@sjhs.newport.sch.uk

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Please find below some additional contact details that you may find useful:

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Tomorrow, your child's Head of Year, Mr James, will be sending out information regarding how we will be keeping in touch with you and your child during this period of self-isolation.

We recognise that this is a very stressful time for you and your family and want to reassure you that we will do everything we can to support your child's wellbeing and their learning and that we look forward to welcoming them back on 23rd September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett

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