



St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Distance Learning

Having made such a positive start to the new academic year, we are really disappointed that Year 8 will not be able to return to school until **MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**. Please be assured that, despite being at a physical distance from school, Year 8 pupils are still part of our school community. During this period of self-isolation, Year 8 pupils will access their learning through Google Classroom. You will already be familiar with Google Classroom from last year, however, you can refer to our guide which is available through this link: [Student and Parent SJHS Guide to Google Classroom](#). This guide will remind you and your child how to:

- 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

Your child will already know the classroom codes for most of their subjects and will have joined the classrooms. For any classrooms they haven't been able to join yet please follow this link for a list of all the [Year 8 Google Classroom codes](#).

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 this period of self-isolation, 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

See next page for additional contact details:

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

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On Monday 21 September, your child's Head of Year, Mrs Webster, 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 Monday 28th September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jarrett
Headteacher

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