



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

Further to our sharing the online learning guide again yesterday, I write to offer reassurance as we begin our first week of online learning since the previous partial school closure, which will now include a greater number of live lessons than we were previously in a position to offer.

It will be the first time that many students have needed to engage with this type of learning, and as with anything of this nature, some students may need time to become familiar with the online platform. Please encourage them not to become anxious if they are ever unable to join a lesson because of the technology, and to email network@sjp.essex.sch.uk and their Head of Year if they experience any difficulty.

Likewise, the experience will be new for some teachers, whilst others will need to again become familiar having last delivered live lessons during the final weeks of the summer term. Some teachers may provide recorded lessons in the first instance before moving to live lessons.

Teachers may set and explain a task, then conclude the live session, allowing time for students to complete the task based on their learning. During this time it will remain possible for students to ask questions via the live chat function. The task can then be submitted via Teams for feedback. Teachers may conclude lessons after 40 minutes in order to allow students additional time to sign in to subsequent lessons.

We are always here to support, and are confident that we will be able to rectify any issues so that your children are able to access the learning successfully.

Yours sincerely

Mr T. Coen

Headteacher

