

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would just like to start by saying what an AMAZING group of students we have at St James. They all should be very proud of their efforts during the week.

It is never easy juggling work, school and family life and even though we are seasoned professionals when it comes to remonte learning, that doesn't mean that it is any easier!! Thank you for all your support and fingers crossed that we are back to face to face learning on Wednesday.

We will once again run the same timetable for Monday and Tuesday next week. Please refer to the table below for details.

We look forward to seeing the students Monday morning at 9:30am on our Google Meet.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend together. Stay safe.

Regards, The Year 5/6 team.

Remote learning School Hours

Students will begin the day at 9:00 am and finish at 1.30 pm.

Class meets will take place at 9.30am daily (students will be expected to begin the day independently at 9am with the daily Google Slide shared at 8.45am via Google Classroom). Students are expected to use this time to look through the daily activities and construct any questions they may have on the tasks in the face to face meeting to ensure higher levels of engagement. Students are also encouraged to practise their spelling words and participate in Reading to Self if they find themselves not filling in the time effectively.

A daily timetable has been provided below for students to follow if they wish. Whether they follow the timetable or not, the expectation is that all work is completed by the end of the day. This may vary from student to student, but we do not expect students to be working past 3:30pm if they are using their time productively.

Students will be invited back to a 1pm Google meet to finish off the day and seek any further support from the teacher.

Teacher availability

Teachers are available via **email** at any point between the hours of 9:00 am - 1:30 pm for any student questions. We highly encourage students to communicate with us regarding clarification on set activities and tasks.

Parent student check-in

Although we are doing our very best to provide feedback, we encourage parents to check in with their child to see how they are progressing through their work and to communicate with their teacher if they are finding things difficult.

Throughout this time we encourage the students to stay connected with their peers and support each other. We ask that students DO NOT use the school devices or email address as a way of community with other students and that other platforms are used and monitored at home.

Google Meets

Class Google Meets begin at 9:30am Monday-Wednesday and teachers will be available during the day for further questions. Students are expected to have a go at the lesson before asking questions to make sure they are utilising their time to the best of their ability. Students are to have their cameras on to indicate their attendance and should NOT be on other devices.

Teacher communication to parents

Please do not hesitate to contact us via email if you have any questions. Can I ask that any emails sent regarding year 5 students please be sent to both Mrs Herbert and Mrs Ferrari.

Device / Technology Support during Remote Learning

As our school community is transitioning to distance learning over the next 7 days, we understand that there are going to be unforeseen challenges that arise. These challenges will range from technological challenges to wellbeing challenges and whilst we can't help with all of them, we want to do our part to help you get through this difficult time.

We have provisioned a dedicated support phone number that will be resourced with attentive team members to provide parents/guardians with general IT support for their children throughout this remote learning period. We expect to be able to help them with issues such as:

- My device won't connect to the wifi.
- Internet isn't working;
- I can't print;
- I can't open Google Apps for Education;

This general support for parents/guardians can be accessed by phoning **03 9998 6392** between the hours of 8:30 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday and will continue to operate throughout the remote learning period.

It is important to note that in the interests of child safety, our team will only be able to provide support to parents/guardians and not the child themselves.

Submission of work and feedback

Students are expected to submit their work for feedback no later than 3.30pm daily. This feedback will focus on the quantity and quality of the work submitted and to enable us to identify students that may need support or extension.

YEAR 5/6 Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday
9:00am- 9:30am	Gospel reflection/Read to self/ go through activities	Gospel reflection/Read to self/ go through activities
9:30am	Class Meeting (Class Teacher)	Class Meeting (Class Teacher)
Activity 1	Reading	Reading
Activity 2	Writing	Writing
Activity 3	Maths	Maths
Activity 4	Inquiry/STEM	R.E/S.E.L
1.30pm	Finish	