

# KS2

31.3.2020

## INFORMATION FOR KEY STAGE TWO, WOODLAND HEIGHTS

### TERM 2

#### Welcome back to 'school' for Term 2.

We had an abrupt early end to Term 1, and this will be a very different start to Term 2!

Thank you very much to our KS2 families for your patience, support and concern for each other and for our procedures here at school.

We hope that there has been a chance for some rest for the children during this strange time. KS2 staff send our best wishes to you all.



#### KS2 DATES

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April** : Term 2's Online Learning starts

Year 3: Class Dojo

Year 4-6: Google Classroom

*Class teachers will send information and more details*

**Proposed re-opening date:**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Postponed:**

Interhouse Gala

Ancient Civilisations Day

Market Day

Big Walk

**While school is closed, we'd love to still keep in touch and see what children are getting up to.**

**Please send photos of children playing, learning, exploring or investigating for us to share on Facebook.**

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# LEARNING AT HOME

While we will miss the fun and active class/group inputs, we are confident that the key Learning Objectives can be covered using distance learning.

**Lessons and resources will be sent from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

During this lockdown period we have 12 teaching days.

*We will not be sending out a full timetable of work for these days.*

This is new to everyone, and we hope to ease your child into the workload. We will not have 'live' sessions or expect everyone in the class to be working at a specific time or timetable.

Every child (and parent!) will experience distance learning differently and we encourage you as a family to find a routine that works best for you.

**Year 3 will be using Class Dojo to share lesson materials.**

**Years 4, 5 and 6 will use Google Classroom.**

## Workload during lockdown (1-17 April):

Along with Maths and English work, your child will also receive activities for Languages, and introductory tasks for our Term 2 topics (History/Geography/Science).

Class teachers will also include a few activities that will contribute to the learning for the term but may feel a little less like work or traditional lessons.

*Suggestion: If you find that your child is feeling worried or anxious about a particular lesson, you can use one of these other activities to keep your child engaged in a productive, educational way while you contact the class teacher for clarification or guidance.*

## Online Learning

### Need help?

techsupport@isct.co.za

[Google Classroom for Parents](#)

[Google Classroom for Students](#)

[Class Dojo](#) (Y3 only)

This is new to all of us! We will do everything we can to make the lessons and instructions as clear as possible.

Teachers will send further explanations or a different activity (where possible) if your child is struggling.

Our aim is to cover key Learning Objectives but not to overload with paper tasks.

Please let the class teacher know if there is a problem or you need help with the lesson materials.

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Teachers will be available via Google Classroom/Class Dojo and email if you have any questions.

Class teachers will respond as soon as possible on 'school days' between 08:00-14:00.

Please note that Madame Martin (French) and Senorita Margarida (Spanish) work part-time at ISCT and their hours are therefore not the same as a class teacher.

*It is not realistic to expect an immediate response – response time will be affected by internet access, loadshedding, and responding to other parents from the class.*

#### Tips:

- 'Paper' tasks (like worksheets) can be printed off, or completed using a device.
- If you can't print, you can also follow instructions on-screen, but write answers on a piece of paper. *(Clearly label which question or task is being worked on. And include your name!)*
- Any work completed on paper can be scanned/photographed and submitted electronically.
- To contact the teacher with questions about a lesson or resource, parents can email the teacher directly (or via Class Dojo for Y3). For Year 4, 5 and 6 children, they can post a comment on the task in Google Classroom.

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If you hadn't seen on social media yet... The astro is ready and looking great. Just add children!



## Is your child feeling anxious during school closure?

Jacqui is available for email advice, or telephone appointments.  
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Please send any constructive feedback for improving Online Learning to  
s.neethling@isct.co.za

## We will miss you all!

We hope to 'see' you through your photos and messages that we can share on Facebook.

Even if you don't want to share photos on our social media, pop them on your class Whatsapp groups – I'm sure the children would love to keep in touch and have a look at what their friends have been up to.