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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience and support over the past few days as we all get used to new routines and resources. As with anything new, there will be teething problems but we will work through these things together and find a way forward.

### **Expectations**

It is important to mention that all children will get equal service to learning whether at home or in school. Those children who come to the school premises on part time days (key worker children) are expected to also do remote learning on the other days they are at home. Teachers will be arranging the appropriate support to give **all** children a quality education. This may mean 1:1 support online via phone call, chat or zoom. The important thing is to keep communicating with the teacher so they know what help to provide for your child. It is also important that the children follow a school routine when at home – if it helps dress in your uniform during your learning hours or have a pretend walk to school or walk home when the school day hours are over. The Government recommends a minimum of 3 hours daily for children to be doing school related activities. We would recommend that KS2 children spend at least 4 hours doing school related tasks. These tasks need to be balanced so as to avoid too much screen time for the children. Consequently, the teachers will include written, physical, listening, reading and visual activities in the lessons planned. If you're having any difficulties and need the teacher to have a chat with your child for whatever reason, please email the class teacher. For those of you working at home yourselves, please feel free to arrange the home learning around your work routines and do what works best for your family. By now your teachers will have communicated with you and given you support steps in using **Google Classroom**- I hope these are helpful. Teachers will also be send information on how to access Google classroom via games consoles if this would be helpful to some of you who need more than one device – please email the teacher if interested. Please note, although previously stated in our December newsletter, we will not be changing the Google passwords to shortened version yet due to any possible repercussions or confusion – this will now be done at a later date.

I would advise downloading and printing out resources at the beginning of each week so that they are ready should your IT systems play up (as can happen) and then you will have a backup. If you do not have a **printer**, let the teacher know, and we will arrange for you to pick up print outs from the school office. If you need **exercise books**, we are providing these in the area outside the main office for you to pick up as needed (Choose appropriate books from either KS1 or KS2 boxes). Timetabled sessions for whole class meets will be sent to you by your teachers and will be on the school website under the class pages tab.

[www.smsjwool.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.smsjwool.dorset.sch.uk)

### **Key worker Children**

If you have requested a place for your child in school via the booking form or via email to the school office, **these places are now reserved** for you and you can send your child in on the required days. If there has been any issue, the office will have contacted you already. We have a large number of key worker children in school (40%) and are glad that we can support you in going to work on the days needed but we still need to be mindful of safety for everyone in these increasingly worrying times. Please only send your child into school when no one else is available to supervise and support them in their remote learning at home. All children attending school need to wear their school uniform – this can be the PE uniform or the normal uniform. If the weather is cold, the children will be able to wear their coats indoor but thermal vests would also be advisable.

### Breakfast Club & After school Club

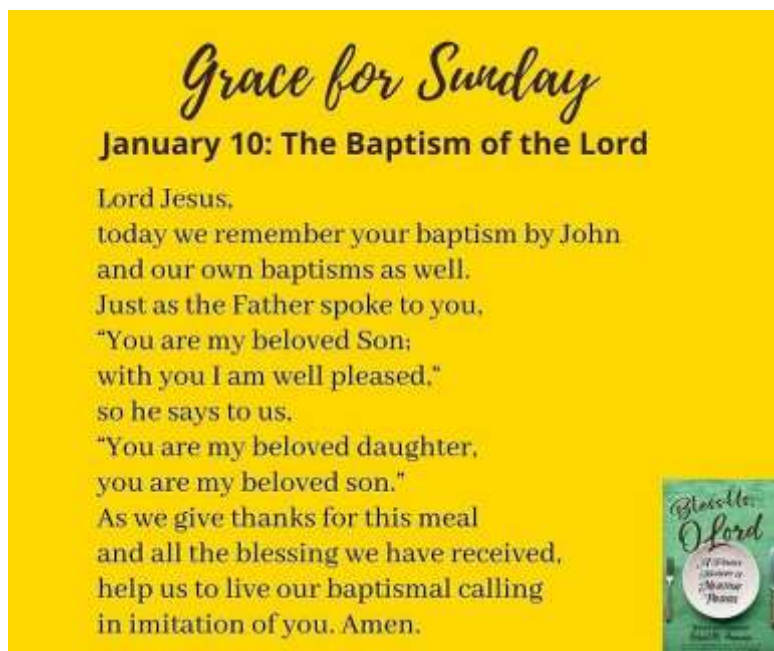
From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, **Breakfast club will continue** to be provided for our key worker children from 8 am. However, we are **unable to** carry on with 'After school club' from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### Prayers

During these times, prayer can create a strong anchor to help alleviate worries and help us to know we are not alone - God is there to support us. The link below will introduce you to a NOVENA prayer which is traditionally said over nine days - you may like to do try this yourself or say it with your family.

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Below is a prayer to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which is this Sunday.



*Grace for Sunday*  
**January 10: The Baptism of the Lord**

Lord Jesus,  
today we remember your baptism by John  
and our own baptisms as well.  
Just as the Father spoke to you,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased,"  
so he says to us,  
"You are my beloved daughter,  
you are my beloved son."  
As we give thanks for this meal  
and all the blessing we have received,  
help us to live our baptismal calling  
in imitation of you. Amen.

Best wishes and keep safe everyone,

Mrs Christopher