

Friday, 24th April 2020

Dear Parent(s), Carers(s),

You should now have received an email from your child's class teacher which details access to Google pages for your child, with daily and weekly activities for English, maths, science, topic, RE, art and many links to music, reading, fitness and other online learning resources. EYFS teachers have also sent out weekly activities on with the idea that children try to complete at least 2 activities per day. In Reception some of the activities can be completed online.

Once again, these resources are not designed to make you feel stressed, overwhelmed, or pressurised. Try and get away from the idea that you are home-schooling your child. You are supporting them with distance learning. Things will be covered again in school many times. It is important to take time to do other practical activities with your child too and of course keep doing physical exercise - it all helps.

As many of our children have now been learning at home and continuing their education online, it is worthwhile reminding ourselves about online safety. Although technology can give children access to learning opportunities and socialising, it can still present some risks. Take time to encourage your child to keep their accounts private, rather than public. Talk to them about keeping personal information, including their address and the school they attend, private. Get older children to talk to you about their social media use and familiarise yourself with the apps they use. Talk to them about things they come across whilst online and about issues that are worrying them and ensure they get factual information from reliable sources. It is also important to report or block any pages that are spreading content which is upsetting or contain inappropriate material.

The Government has provided funding to develop some learning materials, which will be invaluable to families and teachers. The BBC Bitesize website now has daily age appropriate lessons—some of these are fantastic with David Attenborough and Brian Cox taking part. The DfE has also launched the online Oak National Academy; an online learning platform providing structured lessons for students each day from Reception to Year 10. This platform also has daily lessons designed and delivered by teachers from Reception to Year 10. Obviously, there is no requirement for you to use either of these sites, but they are another resource.

Once again we thank all parents for the support they have given school staff over the past five weeks. We have been overwhelmed by the positivity we have received. Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care,

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