



Dear Parents and Carers

We are now coming to the end of our second week since the school closed. I hope this message finds you safe and well. I want to thank you for your support with children accessing the academy only when needed, this is a measure to help limit the spread of the virus.

For those of you at home, I understand how challenging it may be and how every family's situation is very different. I want you to know that the home learning should not be adding to these pressures. Having a primary school aged child myself, I know what a juggle it has been carrying on working as your Principal, but also supporting him as a mum. I know that there are parents/carers who are juggling work too or may have been ill and/or are worried about family members and friends that they cannot see; we need to consider the mental health and wellbeing of everyone during this period of isolation.

For this reason, we set out the home learning as something you could use to fit in with your day, I would not expect more than an hour two, if you wish to do more that's great too. It is themed each week so that if you have more than one child in the house the projects can be done together.

Remember, if you need support with the home learning you can contact us through the email address homelearning@hawes-side.co.uk and someone will get back to you. We also send out fresh ideas/activities you can try through our app throughout the week. Even though we have sent out the home learning packs as a way of the children remembering the learning they have done in class, the most valuable and rewarding thing you can do is spend time with your children together as a family. Playing games is great for this, they can have an English or maths focus such as Scrabble, Boggle, Yahtzee and paper games such as Hangman and good old fashioned cards and dominoes. Baking is also a great activity to do if you can get hold of flour! I imagine we will be producing a generation of chefs and bakers for the years to come. If you need any help with any of these ideas just email our home learning address. Playing games is a more relaxed way for the children to learn whilst having fun with you.

What I will finish with, something that I cannot recommend highly enough, is to sit and read together. It doesn't matter who reads, you may even take it in turns. If you are running out of books at home there are lots on line and we have put links to websites on our app - if there is one thing to make time for in the day please make it be this. With everything that is happening it is easy for us to forget that it is Easter next week so we will not be uploading learning pack three until the following week. If you do want to carry on with activities and you are stuck for ideas we will put some links and ideas on the app to help with this.

Happy Easter everyone and please remember, above all, have fun together and be safe!

Mrs Boothroyd

Keeping safe – Whilst ever we are open we are continually reviewing guidance and our practices in the academy to ensure that everyone stays as safe as possible.

From Monday we will be making a couple of changes to facilitate this.

For families using the Keyworker service:

- We will ask you if your child or any of your family have been unwell with Coronavirus symptoms on a daily basis
- Children will be asked to wash hands/sanitise as they come in
- We will only be using Y1 and Y2 classrooms and facilities
- We have reduced our internal staffing and will be running a virtual office (see below)
- We are looking at the feasibility of only opening Lennox gate for access at drop off and pick up times.

For other visitors

- We ask that this is kept to the bare minimum
- We ask that you let us know you are coming in all cases (see below)

As always thank you so much for your support as we try to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Virtual Office



**Please note that the Academy's office will only be open for planned visitors
This includes key worker parents whose children are in school
and wish to collect them early**

**Please ring 01253 402541 to inform us of the time you plan to arrive so
that we can arrange for someone in school to meet you at Reception**

Thank you

Take care everyone and please stay safe



Homework – Alongside the work and activities we have set please see below:

FREE CELEBRITY CLASSES FOR KIDS IN LOCKDOWN

9:00	PE WITH JOE WICKS YOUTUBE.COM/THEBODYCOACH
10:00	MUSIC WITH MYLEENE KLASS YOUTUBE.COM/MYLEENESMUSICKLASS
11:00	SCIENCE WITH MADDIE MOATE YOUTUBE.COM/MADDIEMOATE
11:30	DANCE WITH OTI MABUSE YOUTUBE.COM/OTIMABUSEOFFICIAL
13:00	MATHS WITH CAROL VORDERMAN THEMATHSFACTOR.COM
14:00	HISTORY WITH DAN SNOW TV.HISTORYHIT.COM
15:00	ENGLISH WITH DAVID WALLIAMS WORLD.OF.DAVID.WALLIAMS.COM
17:30	FOOD TECH WITH JAMIE OLIVER CHANNEL4.COM/KEEPCOOKINGANDCARRYON



WWW.KIDADL.COM



If you have any questions about homework please either email or ring the office on 01253 402541 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Lunches – We have now have the government guidance with regard to the national voucher scheme. This is only available where a catering provision is not available. As we have a catering provision we will continue to provide the grab and go system on a 3 day cycle to limit the need of collection. Collections can be undertaken on a Monday from 11.30 – 12.15 p.m. and Thursday 11.30 – 12.15 p.m.

Hawes Side Academy Website – Do not forget to visit our website to see all of our latest news. Just click on www.hawes-side.co.uk/news and useful information.



HM Government



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

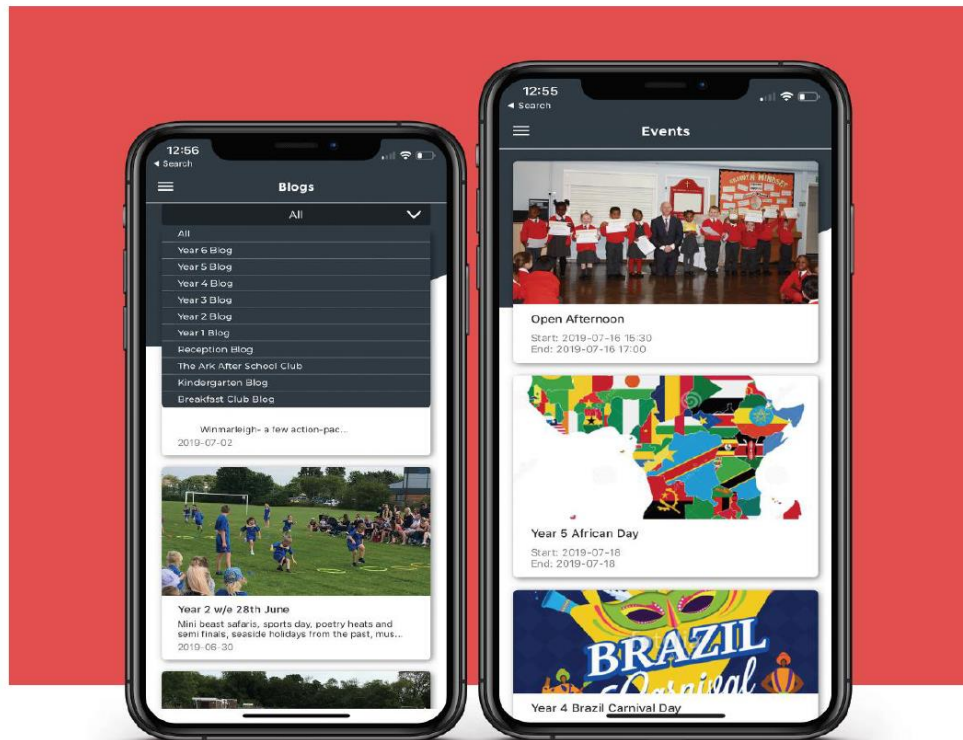
To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Introducing our new App...



Here at Hawes Side Academy we now have our very own App! This can be downloaded on both apple and android devices and is a great way to keep up to date with everything going on at school.

Through the app you can access the school calendar, latest news and announcements, which will come to your device as notifications. All of which we hope will help to support communication with our school community and keep everyone up to date!

The App is free to download and easy to use. Simply search for 'Hawes Side Academy' in the App Store or Play Store and download to get started. That's it you are ready to go!

We hope you find the new app useful.



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