



Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe that we are now heading into week seven of being apart, I hope this newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. You have probably read in newspapers and heard on the news the speculation that schools may be opening in the near future but we have not been told anything at this point. I would just like to say that as soon as we have been directly told by the government when and how this will happen I will share this information with you. Our priority at that point will be to think about the needs of all our school community.

The staff are missing the children very much and we hope you liked our video which can be found on the app, it was our way of saying hello and keeping in touch. When we saw all the photographs together ourselves we found it to be very emotional and highlighted how much we want to see everyone back together at Hawes Side again. A huge thank you to Mrs Wright for putting this together.

Take care and be safe everyone.



Mrs Boothroyd

Homework – This week is week 6 of our home learning projects! All the information you need is located on our school website. We have some hard copies available at the school office for collection if this suits you better. Please call school on 01253 402541 if you plan to collect a hard copy so that the office can be staffed.

Learning Projects Week 6 – Food

Also, watch out for an exciting activity everyone can take part in later in the week!

If you have any questions please email:

homelearning@hawes-side.co.uk

Alternatively, use this email to keep us updated by sending in pictures of your work for us to display on our website.

Stay home. Protect the NHS. Save lives



Corona Kindness

Services offered for residents by Blackpool County Council. Please visit their [website](https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronavirus/Corona-Kindness.aspx) for more information (<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronavirus/Corona-Kindness.aspx>)



Digital devices - On Sunday 19 April, the Government announced support for remote education to help schools and families who have to adapt and work in different ways during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This scheme is only available in specific cases as detailed in the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#who-is-eligible-to-receive-digital-devices-and-internet-access>

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



Lunches – We have now have the government guidance with regard to the national voucher scheme. **This is only an option when catering provision is not available.** As we have a catering provision, we will continue to provide the grab and go system that is now on a 5-day cycle to limit the need of collection. Collections are on a Monday from 11.30 – 12.30 p.m.

Message from the Blackpool Family Learning Team

Many of you have taken part in Blackpool's family learning sessions over the years and the team would like to share the following message with you:

I hope that you are safe and well. So much has happened since we were last in touch and I guess we are all still adapting to our new ways of working.

We want to keep in touch with families during this time and are sharing Family Learning tips and activities on the Adult, Community and Family Learning Facebook page and the Blackpool Libraries Facebook page. Look out for Ellen making Eye Spy Telescopes on Wednesday!

We have also set up a dedicated email address to keep in touch with families. You can join our family learning group at family.learning@blackpool.gov.uk where we will share extra information about the activities that we post. We would love to keep in touch with families that we have worked with and encourage new families to join us.

With best wishes

From all at the Family Learning team

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.



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

Supporting schools and home learning for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

28th April 2020

The Coronavirus outbreak means that parents and carers of young people with SEND are facing uncertainty. We know settings/schools are on the front line and are playing a hugely important role in keeping communities going in these challenging times. If your child is not able to attend their setting/school, we want to support you with some practical home learning advice, hints and suggestions through these newsletters and on the Blackpool Local Offer page on Facebook.

If there is any information that you would like to see on these newsletters or if you would like any advice or support with any aspect of home learning, please contact us by email:

inclusions.team@blackpool.gov.uk

Useful Numbers and Websites

Corona Kindness - If you need to access any of those things or you feel you can help, please email

helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk or

helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk

If you need help call 0808 1963080.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronavirus/Corona-Kindness.aspx>

Blackpool SEND Local Offer -

<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/kb5/blackpool/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=2&district=blackpool>

Keeping children safe Online -

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Recommended Films

Inside Out 2015 – Google Play/Sky/YouTube

Temple Grandin 2010 – Netflix

Life Animated 2016 – Netflix/YouTube

Supporting your child's play at home

Examples of how you can support your child's play, without leading or taking over. These are general tips for supporting your child's play. Trust your own judgement.

- Wait to be invited to play. If your child is happily playing, it is fine to leave them to it.
- Help protect your child's play from interruptions. If your child is absorbed in playing, avoid switching on the TV or games console, asking questions or asking them to stop for other activities.
- Let your child explore and make mistakes. Let your child use trial and error and their own ideas without feeling foolish or judged.
- Let your children develop skills at their own pace. It is tempting to step in to help your child when they find something difficult but that is how they learn.
- Let children choose the themes of their games. Even if the themes seem difficult or upsetting, it is their play.

This information is taken from the IPA Play in Crisis: support for parents and carers written by Theresa Casey, April 2020

<http://ipaworld.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/IPA-Play-in-Crisis-Booklet-for-parents-and-carers-2020.pdf>

Feelings and supporting your child's mental health

Keep active and use movement – just dance on YouTube is great for all the family. Joe Wicks PE sessions are great for keeping active, he does a fancy dress day on a Friday.

Take time together – Think about all the things you are missing doing or places you would like to go, write them down and put them in a jar for when the lockdown is over.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/looking-after-children-and-young-people-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>



Sensory

Heavy work activities can help to calm some children by providing input to a child's muscles and joints and helping to increase their focus and attention.

Play tug of war

Play statues

Army Crawl

Digging in the garden

<https://www.andnextcomesl.com/2017/04/heavy-work-activities-for-home.html>

Speech, Language and Communication

<https://www.home-speech-therapy.com/twenty-5-minute-speech-therapy-activities-you-can-do-at-home.html>

Here you can find some free resources for supporting vocabulary and speech at home

<https://speechandlanguageathome.com/sign-up>



Learning

BBC have created some amazing lessons, resources and support for parents.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Take this opportunity to teach your child to tell the time

https://www.123homeschool4me.com/26-telling-time-games-and-activities_43/

Nessy are currently offering free learning apps to support learning of the alphabet, phonics, sight words, syllable division and more.

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/apps/>



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.

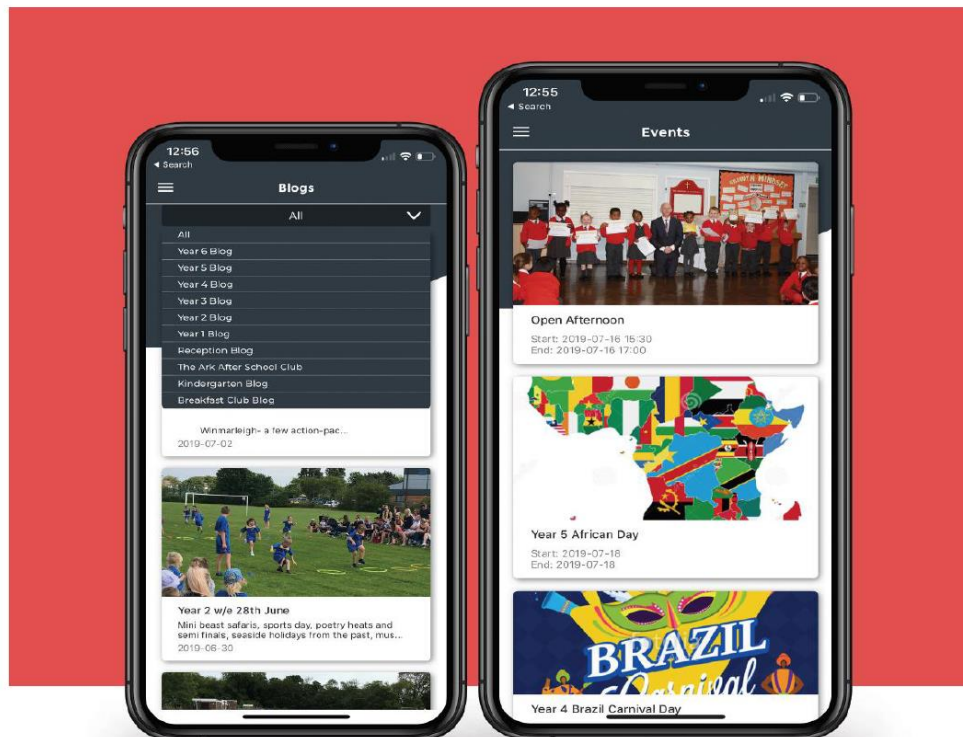
To protect yourself and others:

- 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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