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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ref: Oak National Academy

I hope you and your family are keeping well in these unusual times.

Oak National Academy is an online classroom with free, high-quality video lessons and resources. It's free for you to use and has been created by over 80 teachers, with the backing of the Government. It's designed to help schools and parents balance learning at home.

Lessons in primary cover Reception to Year 6, with lessons in English and maths, plus history, geography, art and languages. Each day there are at least three hours of lessons. There is also a specialist curriculum for those pupils with additional needs.

You can access Oak through a phone, tablet or laptop. You can use Oak on more than one device at the same time, which is great if you have children of different ages learning together.

You don't need a login or password for Oak. You can simply go to the website and start the lessons straight away. The website doesn't collect your personal information, so you and your children's data is safe.

Each lesson is a pre-recorded video with a teacher who takes your child through each section step-by-step. The level of your supervision has been designed to be minimal, although that will depend on the age of your child. Each lesson can be paused and rewind to help pupils learn at their own pace. Each of Oak's lessons is an hour-long and is delivered over by a video on the website. The lessons include quizzes, worksheets and creative activities to engage your child. The videos are pre-recorded so there's no other children in your child's session.

As the lessons are pre-recorded, they are available any time, so you can choose when your children go online to help you balance your daily routine. Each lesson follows a sequence which builds on previous lessons, but they are also stand alone so you don't need to start from the beginning.

How do I find a lesson?

Visit www.thenational.academy and then click 'classroom'. You'll then find three options:

- Specialist: to take you to the specialist resources for those with additional needs
- Subject: which first asks your year group, and then offers you lessons just in specific subjects (e.g. if you just wanted to do maths lessons)
- Schedule: which first asks your year group, and then offers a schedule of lessons, giving you a daily timetable across different subjects





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Each lesson is very clear about what you need at the start. For most, there's minimal additional material, usually just a pen and some paper.

Oak is offering schools a full suite of online lessons and resources until the end of this term and for the entire academic year 2020/21.

Each Thursday at 10am Oak also holds an online assembly. These provide opportunities to hear from some inspirational guest speakers, including the first British astronaut, the cast of the Lion King and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

For more information please visit the Oak National Academy website:

<https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils>

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Mrs Williams & Mrs Hussian

