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Dear Parents and Carers

## Home Learning Programme

I am writing to share details of our Home Learning Programme.

As you are aware, the school will be closed to most pupils from the end of the school day today. During the closure, we will provide home learning for all pupils, which will be uploaded to Google Classroom for students to complete. Staff will be available to track, monitor and acknowledge completion of the work. It is extremely important for pupils to engage meaningfully with this work, which will consolidate and build on current knowledge and cover new content.

All work will be set using Google Classroom. Children already have a Google account and if they have been in school this week, they have had the opportunity to accept invitations to each of their classes. They will also have been given a printed copy of their login details, instructions on how to log in and instructions on how to download and upload work.

If your child has not been in school this week, we have already set up their logins and accepted the invites to their classes for them. We will send out the printed copy of your child's login details etc by first class post today. If you have not received this information by Tuesday, please email in to the school and we will ensure the information is sent to you.

If your child forgets their login for Google Classroom, please contact their tutor in the first instance via the email addresses on the website.

Alongside Google Classroom, we will also be using Mathletics, Accelerated Reader and ShowMyHomework and may possibly signpost to other on-line learning platforms. However, all instructions to do so will still be put on Google Classroom, which will hopefully mean this is a straightforward system to follow. If you have any queries regarding work set and need some clarification, you will find individual subject teacher's email addresses on the website.

Information about our Home Learning Programme can be found on our school website in the Teaching and Learning, Home Learning Programme section. This includes guidance on Google classroom and useful web links. We have also included other guidance information





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about keeping well physically and mentally, suggested activities during social distancing, and organisations that you can seek advice from.

If you do not have access to the internet, or a device for your child to use to complete work, you have hopefully already been contacted or have responded to the ParentMail sent last week. We have today provided paper packs for those children who are in school and who we know don't have access. If your child is not in school, the pack will be available at the front office at the end of today for you to collect if you are able. If you are unable to collect, please let us know by emailing or calling the office and we will endeavour to find a way to get the work to you.

Children may understandably find it difficult as they adapt to this approach to learning and it may take time to settle into a routine. In order to keep children focussed and engaged, we would suggest that you encourage them to maintain their daily routine, getting up at a similar time, having breakfast and then following their daily timetable. It would also be useful for them to have some time outside, weather and government guidance permitting, whether this be in the garden or going for a walk/bike ride. We would also encourage parents to spend time with children reading, completing work or tackling daily challenge tasks provided. They will benefit from your support and help as they gain confidence.

And finally, I would like to thank families for their support and valued partnership at this time. The children have been fantastic in recent days and they can be very proud of their efforts at a time that has been somewhat unsettled. We very much hope that this programme will provide purposeful learning opportunities as we learn to work in a very different way alongside your children.

With very best wishes

Ms Cindy Pritchard  
Headteacher