

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Home Learning Update:

May I start by thanking all the children and parents who began their home-schooling journey yesterday. This is a new learning experience for all involved and we thank you for the help and support that you are giving to the children at home during this difficult time.

Timetables or lists of activities have been shared with each year group for the children to access at home. These mainly involve using online platforms such as 'Purple Mash' where a variety of daily learning tasks are set by your child's class teacher. These are short learning tasks that should be spread across the day / week to also allow other family members access to online learning or work as well – we do not expect the children to be online all day.

Alongside this, please ensure that your children are reading daily and also accessing some form of physical exercise – this is critical for their mental well-being. At school outdoor time is a minimum of 75 minutes daily, as well as PE sessions at least twice weekly of up to an hour each.

Please may I stress to you that children do not sit and complete worksheets all day long. At school the children's learning is often practical with many opportunities to talk about key information and share ideas or work together. I appreciate that this is now more difficult when learning at home but I urge you to not overwhelm the children completing worksheet-based learning all day.

The learning packs of work provided are to supplement the online work set for the next few weeks and unfortunately at this time we have no way of providing more of this, as the majority of staff are working remotely ensuring that work is set and checked in the agreed way by the academy's online platforms.

As the weather is also now improving, please use this time to explore your garden, devise games, play board games, bake and talk about the current global situation – these are also valuable learning opportunities for the children whilst at home.

We will continue to keep you regularly updated, please continue to stay at home and keep your family safe.

Kind regards,

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