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RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Dear Parent/Carer

I will endeavour to update you regularly as the situation regarding the advice from government seems to be changing on a much more frequent basis. The Prime Minister's announcement yesterday to strengthen the advice to UK citizens and vulnerable groups fell short of advising school closures at this time. Therefore, further to the letter that I sent home on Friday, we expect all students to be in the academy unless:

- They are symptomatic with a persistent cough and / or fever
- Have been advised by Public Health England (PHE) or NHS 111 to remain at home
- Are in a household where someone is symptomatic with a persistent cough / and or fever
- Are listed as one of the vulnerable groups as set out by the government (including, pregnancy, COPD, chronic long term respiratory diseases, diabetes, emphysema or bronchitis, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, sickle cell).

I have attached the link below which outlines the full list of medical conditions for your perusal.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

As regards self-isolation the main message is:

- If you live alone and are symptomatic – stay at home for seven days
- If you live with others and you or one of them are symptomatic, all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for fourteen days

This letter and all previous communications can be found on our website. We also receive daily updates from the DfE and regular information from PHE. We continue to act in line with this advice. Once again, I can confirm that currently, the academy has no reported confirmed cases of the virus.

In my letter on Friday, I made parents / carers aware that whilst the academy remains open, we have put in place procedures for school closure if this becomes a government decision. Therefore, it is imperative that we had up to date contact details for all families. At the moment, staff are continuing to try to make contact with parents / carers where we appear to have contact information missing. I do need to remind parents / carers that failure to provide up to date details is a safeguarding issue which the academy takes very seriously.

Of course, the main reason for the urgency in having this information apart from meeting basic safeguarding and emergency contact needs is to enable us to keep parents / carers informed of

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how the picture may be changing and to ensure that should a school closure be enforced, we will be able to provide, albeit restricted, education provision for our children and young people.

If you know that the current contact information that we have for you is out of date, please contact the academy ASAP so that these can be updated swiftly.

We have seen increasing levels of absence. A minority of parents / carers have begun to self-isolate with family as they have experienced symptoms that could be related to the virus. However, we have an increasing level of families who are choosing to keep their child(ren) home contrary to the guidance. Where we are aware of students with pre-existing chronic medical issues, we will be providing work. At this stage I am not asking staff to take on additional workload by providing work for students who could otherwise be in the academy. Staff are already preparing work for students in the event of a school closure and so I do not think that it would be fair to staff to add additional workload to them. There are a number of educational websites that you may wish your child to view. Please visit the following websites in relation to High School learning resources:-

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/x4aztv7pj1rsq1hm4j3w5/Home-Learning-Websites-and-Resources.docx?dl=0&rkey=qj213igmpp92433szlymoec96>

Primary Phase websites are detailed at the end of this letter.

Please keep in mind that if you have called in to the Academy to say that you or your child is self-isolating, then your child should not be seen in the vicinity of the Academy either during or after school hours. This includes the Bengarth Road school gates.

We continue to ensure that our cleaning staff increase their checks on hand wash in toilets and are ensuring that doors, handles and surfaces are thoroughly disinfected regularly. We continue to speak to students about basic hygiene and for the older students, social distancing.

These are indeed strange times and none of us have encountered this situation before. I fully understand that there will be a natural anxiety to events which are beyond our control. However, the staff at the academy despite having their own families and loved ones for whom they also care are here at the academy to serve the community. I recognise that this may well be a difficult time for you and your family but I would ask that you remain polite and courteous to staff at this unprecedented time.

Should you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Warm regards and best wishes

Allison Moise-Dixon
Principal and CEO

Useful websites for home learning – Primary Phase

Phonic resources

Phonics Play : <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Phonics Bloom: <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

Top Marks: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

Cbeebies, Alphablocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Youtube video Read write Inc sounds: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>

Rising Stars: <https://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Maths resources

Cbeebies, Numberblocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

Top Marks: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

Crickweb <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

ICT games <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/>

Physical activity

Cosmic Yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Jump Start Johnny <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8PDFwCV0HHcl08-1SzdiBw>

Five a day <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7qLfnZxn-sT3G14Kb6Z5og>

Miscellaneous

Jack Hartman <https://www.youtube.com/user/JackHartmann>

Learning at home:

There are a lot of online resources that are available to you to access from home. Luckily, a lot of websites are offering schools and pupils free subscriptions during school closures for COVID -19 and the logins for these are listed below:

Khan Academy

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

This is a US website, so follows the grade system rather than academic years but there are lots of Computing and Maths resources available. There are also tutorials and guides for parents.

BBC Learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

There are resources specific to subject and key stage as well as the specific 'bitesize' sections for year 2 and 6 revision.

Future Learn

<https://www.futurelearn.com/>

This website is aimed more at upper key stage 2 but there are resources that can be used as a family or working together with older siblings. This requires a 14+ account but children can use their parent's account.

Blockly

<https://blockly.games/>

This can be used alongside your purplemash learning as it links well to computer programming and is a fun way to learn.

Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Again, this can be used to support your computing curriculum learning as it has a lot of information and games around computer programming.

Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com/>

This is a platform with lots of educational and inspiring videos to watch and use a stimulus for more research, learning or projects.

National Geographic

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/>

This does require a subscription in order to access some of the content but keep visiting as they may offer some free access whilst all schools are closed.

Duolingo

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

A great way to keep up with your Spanish learning and practice some of what you have learned at school. It is also a great way to help you teach people you live with.

Mastery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com/>

Again, this is a US website so it follows the grades rather than our year groups but some excellent online science learning.

Crash Course Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

Lots of tutorials based around different primary subjects

Crest Awards

<https://library.crestawards.org/>

Science awards that you can complete at home

iDEA awards

<https://idea.org.uk/>

A digital enterprise award scheme that you can complete at home

Paw Print Badges

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

A range of challenges that you can complete at home to earn badges. You have to pay for the actual badges but purchase of these is optional.

Tinkercad

<https://www.tinkercad.com/>

Digital building and creating, links with the coding programme on purple mash

Prodigy Maths

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

Like other sites, this is based in the US but there are lots of really useful maths resources on here.

CBeebies Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

A range of stories for younger children to listen to

National Trust

<http://treetoolsforschools.org.uk/menu>

There are lots of resources here that can be used alongside outside learning such as walks or games in the garden.

British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources linked to the learning of the English language - will be good for use alongside reading or grammar learning.

Oxford Owl

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

English based learning resources

Geography games

<https://world-geography-games.com/>

Lots of fun and interesting games about the world around us

Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/blue-peter-badges>

See if you can do something at home to earn yourself a blue peter badge

Red Ted Art

<https://www.redtedart.com/>

Lots of arts and crafts that you can do with simple materials that you should have in your home

The Imagination Tree

<https://theimaginationtree.com/>

Hands on, practical learning activities to do at home

Toy Theatre

<https://toytheater.com/>

Aimed at younger children to support storytelling and language

DK find out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Some practical research based activities that you can do using items that you would find at home

Twinkl

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

Use the code UKTWINKLHELPS to get unlimited access during school closures

Useful websites for KS1

Please use the following websites below to support your children with their learning. These links below making learning fun for the children and are often used in class.

Maths Websites

www.topmarks.co.uk – Hit the button, addition and subtraction, times tables, number bonds, fractions, shape space and measure games etc.

www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

Click on "login" and select "Espresso"

Enter your username: student23122

Enter your password: alecreed

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize- KS1 number, shape and measure etc.

www.timestables.co.uk – times tables

www.mathsframe.co.uk – maths activities

Phonics/English

www.topmarks.co.uk- letters and sounds, phonics games

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – reading real words and alien words

www.readwithphonics.com – phonics hangman, picture matching, treasure sound hunt, reading alien words

www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

Click on "login" and select "Espresso"

Enter your username: student23122

Enter your password: alecreed

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize - KS1 phonics

Reading

www.risingstars.co.uk- read interactive books online (children have log ins)

www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

www.roythezebra.com