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Coronavirus update – Easter holidays

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to keep you updated with what things during the COVID-19 closure. As I made informed you last month, the school is closed until further notice to **all children** other than those of Key Workers where there is no alternative child care.

We distributed work packs to all children to be done at home with a suggested timetable in. We are hearing from some parents that the timetable has helped to give children structure to their days which is going to be so important should the current lockdown continue.

We are not going to be able to deliver paper packs after Easter should social distancing during the lockdown continue and so we are currently working with colleagues in Keystone Multi Academy Trust to look at how we can share further work with you. We suspect that this will be sending it to you through a combination of ParentPay and the 'My Work' section of Purple Mash.

Work will continue to be sent through '2Do' on Purple Mash, the Pixl app, TT Rockstars, the different Sheds and, of course, the use of the 2blog on Purple Mash which is proving very popular.

Easter activities

School will continue to provide childcare for the children of key workers during the Easter holidays. We are keen to ensure that children are not expected to continue with academic work but are aware that, should we be under a continued lockdown, the children will love more activities to keep them occupied. We have, therefore, put together a small holiday pack to help you with childcare whilst we have the school holidays. There is no expectation for your child to complete it but we do appreciate that several of you have commented that they have benefitted from having a structure to their days and having something constructive to do. Teachers will not be setting work during this time on the online sites. There will be access to the blogs for children to share their activities.

Please consider how you to make links to English and Maths by completing everyday real life activities. For example if you bake with your child, ask them to write a set of instructions recapping the steps you took, or if you go hunting for mini beasts in your garden, write a fact file about the bugs your children find. For further paper based activities, you can log onto www.twinkl.co.uk where you will find a wealth of different activity sheets that you can print off and complete with your child. Currently, Twinkl is offering free subscriptions for parents.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. If you do have any concerns, please contact school and we will seek to help you.

Best wishes

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