

Cardinham School



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RE: Home Learning Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sadly entering another national lockdown and as such are writing to let you know our plans for this new school closure.

We have made home learning packs to support your home learning this week whilst we set up timetables and establish routines for the coming weeks. Reception and Year 1 pupils took their packs home before Christmas whereas the **packs for Year 2 to Year 6 children will be available to collect from school from today or tomorrow (Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th January) in the school playground between 11am & 12:15pm and 1pm & 2:30pm.** In order to limit potential congestion around school, please ensure you use the one-way system and adhere to social distancing guidelines should you arrive at the same time as another household.

If you are unable to collect your pack today or tomorrow please let us know via ClassDojo or email and we can drop one to you. Likewise, if you would like a printed pack each week then we can arrange for this to be collected/delivered.

We are aware that not all families have access to a printer or iPad/computer to complete this work. As mentioned above we can print packs to be collected/ dropped off, give you a supply or printed reading books and work with you to ensure your child is able to have access to the same work as their peers. Please contact your child's class teacher ASAP if this is the case.

Included in these packs are English and Maths booklets - this is much more than you will need this week so please chose the activities your child would like to complete.

From Monday 11th January, work for pupils will be provided online and can be accessed on the school website via the 'home learning' drop down menu as last time and will be outlined on the ClassDojo page as before. Each week, there will be a daily lesson for Maths and English uploaded. We also have plans to link the learning between home and school via video presentations and Zoom; information will follow later.

The Department for Education has stated that primary children should be, on average, completing around 3 hours of work per day. The work that we set children should more than cover this but additional time can be spent on our learning apps to supplement learning. Like last time, we will continue to offer as much support as we can to our children who are at home whilst teaching the children who are having face to face provision in school. We will aim to provide daily feedback on Class Dojo to any work uploaded to the children's portfolios; this is so we can gauge how well pupils are progressing at home.

We understand that some parents may be feeling a little anxious about home learning. Below we have a few simple points to follow to hopefully make things run smoothly:

- **Correct equipment:** Record all completed work neatly in an exercise book and use a sharp pencil, ruler, rubber etc.... If you need supplies of stationery, please contact us via email and we will be able to drop them to your home or arrange for you to collect them. Please encourage children to take pride in their work. Take a picture of the work that your child(ren) has completed and upload it to your child's Dojo portfolio.
- **Resources:** If you require any additional resources, please do not hesitate to contact the school. For example, we are making Numicon available to all Reception & Year 1 pupils. We can also supply you with dictionaries, thesaurus, reading books, calculators etc... Please do not make any unnecessary purchases.

Build a daily routine: Decide upon a timetable for your child(ren). For example:

- 9 – 9:30: PE with Joe Wicks (<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe1254.html>)
- 9:30 – 10:00: Reading on Bug Club
- 10:00 – 10:45: White Rose Maths
- 10:45 – 11:00: Break
- 11:00 – 11:40: Literacy Shed English
- 11:40 – 12:00 TT Rockstars/ Spelling Shed

Once a set routine is created and stuck to, children will become more used to working at home. The above timings are just an example and more of a guide for KS2. KS1 may wish to spread sessions out throughout the day. Remember, these are rough timings but do show that we aren't expecting children to do much more than 3 hours of 1:1, focused work each day. Please use the other resources and activity suggestions to bulk out your day.

There are many websites where you could be gathering additional resources and lesson ideas. Please do not overwhelm yourself and know that, if you are engaging in the learning set out on the school website, then you are on the right track. We also think that it is extremely important to make the most of the family time at the minute and fun activities together such as preparing lunch, going for a walk or just playing outside is beneficial.

Although school is closed, we are still committed to the wellbeing, health and education of your child(ren). The usual school phone number will still be answered during school hours and teachers will contact you each morning via ClassDojo and will check in to see your work at the end of each day and answer any messages from yourselves or the children. If you have any questions during the week, please feel free to message your child's class teacher on Dojo.

We will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for your patience, support and understanding at this challenging time. If you have any questions, however big or small, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to support and reassure you.

Best Wishes,

Mrs I Bennett
Headteacher