

Happy
Mother's
Day



Newsletter

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St Mary's Church of England School, Kirkby Lonsdale

Dear Parents and Children

I would like to thank you for your understanding at this time. We will be closed as from today.

We have decided to make a certain level of provision in the absence of the 'hub' model for key workers being able to be implemented at the present time.

We intend to do what we can for as long as we can. We will take each day as it comes. It is important to note that the situation is increasingly serious and that the government has asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible. They have asked schools to remain open only for those children who **absolutely** need to attend. This is very important advice so please do adhere to this.

A separate letter is being sent out for key workers to complete so we can sort out prioritised provision ASAP. Please complete this if it affects you.

It is uncertain when we will see all of our children back at school but we are going to make sure that we maintain a good level of contact as best possible. I understand the demands on computer resources - if we are all working from home and learning from home also. Please be creative and resourceful.



Google Classroom and Google Hangouts



Google
Hangouts



We are all adjusting to working remotely. We, like many other schools, are using **Google Classroom** as a starting point and to keep things simple we are using **Google Hangouts** also. If you find it difficult to sort this out over the next few days, please ask friends and family first, then we will make an arrangement for someone at school to contact you at some point, if this hasn't helped.

Honesty

Trust

Responsibility

Perseverance

Respect



School subscription services that are providing guidance and resources to support with school closures



twinkl - Subscription service used by schools is offering a free premium service for educators, parents and children to use whilst schools are closed—enter the code UKTWINKHELPS Worksheets, PowerPoint and interactive games to support all areas of learning.
www.twinkl.co.uk/



Classroom Secrets - Maths and reading home learning packages for schools to use due to school closures. Free access to child version of site.
<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/home-online-learning/>



White Rose Maths - Maths home learning packages for schools to use due to school closures.
www.whiterosemaths.com/resources/schemes-of-learning/primary-sets/



Master the Curriculum - Maths subscription service has made resources free for educators and parents.
www.masterthecurriculum.co.uk/

Thank you...



Primary Stars - Maths home learning packages for schools to use due to school closures (KS1).
<https://primarystarseducation.co.uk/covid-19-year-1/>



Mrs Mactivity - Provide your email to be sent free activities and resources to support with home learning.
www.mrsmactivity.co.uk/free-resources-2/



Free Websites and Apps to support with...

Mindfulness and Keeping Active



Smiling Mind
Short audio sessions to help with mindfulness.
<https://app.smilingmind.com.au/>



Cosmic Yoga - YouTube
Yoga videos designed for kids aged 3+
www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga



BBC Supermovers
Interactive videos to support with KS1 and KS1 Maths, Literacy and PSHE and PE learning. Great for times tables—as well as videos that are 'just for fun'.
www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers



Go Noodle—YouTube (More videos on their own website)
Hundreds of 'brainrise', dancing, strength and mindfulness videos—as well as videos that are 'just for fun'.
www.youtube.com/user/GoNoodleGames/featured



Premier League Stars
Videos and activities to support with Maths, Literacy, PSHE and PE.
www.plprimarystars.com



Newsround
Keeping children up to date with the world around them—creating opportunities to talk about the news with children.
www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

Free Websites and Apps to support with...

Phonics and Early Reading

	Phonics Play www.phonicsplay.co.uk/press/index.htm
	Phonics Bloom www.phonicsbloom.com/
	Letters and Sounds www.letters-and-sounds.com/
	Cheebies—Alphablocks www.bbc.co.uk/cheebies/shows/alphablocks
	Teach Your Monster to Read (Website is free. Paid App) www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/
	Oxford Owl www.oxfordowl.co.uk/
	Teach Handwriting—Cursive Practise www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/index.html
	Vooks—Storybooks Brought to Life www.vooks.com/
	Scholastic—Classroom Magazines www.classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html
	Spelling Shed (Paid App or Free with School Subscription) www.spellingshed.com/en-gb

Highly recommended!



Free Websites and Apps to support with...

Maths and Science

	TopMarks www.topmarks.co.uk/
	Dragon Box (Paid App) www.dragonbox.com
	Bee Bot App for Computing (Free App) https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/bee-bot/id500131639
	Times Table Rockstars (Paid App or Free with School Subscription) https://ttrackstars.com/
	Cheebies - Numberblocks www.bbc.co.uk/cheebies/shows/numberblocks
	Explorify for Science www.explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/
	ICT Games—For Literacy and Maths www.ictgames.co.uk/
	Prodigy Maths (Free App) www.prodigygame.com/

A great bank of interactive games!



Please be mindful that when school closes we are assuming children will stay at home and not be interacting with other children other than through remote technology.

What is social distancing?

Social distancing measures are steps you can take to reduce the social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

They are:

1. Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough
2. Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible
3. Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this. Please refer to [employer guidance](#) for more information
4. Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs
5. Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media
6. Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services

Year 2 – Science



Year 2 have been having a great time making and inventing habitats in the school grounds this week. They enjoyed the sunshine and really got imaginative and had fun.

Year 4 – Greek Day



Greek Day was an absolute success. Such effort was made to really immerse themselves learning about Greek food, hoplites, asking historical questions, investigating Corinthian Helmets, taking part in Olympic Games etc..



Other pictures from school





Thank you for your kind words of support this week and the way you have shown understanding as we all begin to adjust to a new way working.

I hope you will be well and your family is safe.

If you are working on the front line to provide vital support – thank you so much for your hard work at this time.

Mr Jones