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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parents

## RECEPTION AND NURSERY HOMEWORK IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of school closure, we would like to inform you of the plans that we have in place to support your child's learning.

Today your child's class teacher is sending home an **exercise book** which includes details of the **Purple Mash** online learning platform which school has subscribed to for Early Years pupils.

All recording for homework tasks can be completed in the **exercise book** provided for pupils, but please note that these will not be marked by school staff on return to school.

### Work for WEEK ONE of School Closure:

We have set up a starter pack. **Please do not begin to use these packs unless school is closed.**

The pack contains phonics and maths home learning challenges.

### Work for WEEK TWO of School Closure:

All other homework tasks will be uploaded onto the school website by your child's class teacher, in the form of a **WEEKLY LETTER**, and will be available for you to **download on the school website** by clicking on the **Curriculum and Gallery** button on the **homepage** of the **school website** and then clicking on the **Year Group** for your child.

The **WEEKLY LETTER** will be uploaded **every Monday by 9.00am** and will include learning links, support and activities for you to **download**.

Every week class teachers will set:

- phonics home learning activities
- maths home learning activities
- a weekly R.E. task
- a topic based task

Please aim to complete **one** English and **one** maths task each day. The topic task can be completed across a number of days in the week.

We would also encourage children to **read or look at books (you may have at home) for 15 minutes each day** for pleasure.

Please record all 'Home Learning Challenges' via the online learning journey **Evidence Me** (<https://evidence.me/login>) by making observations of your child. You should try to capture exactly what your child says and does when completing these activities.

**Please note:**

It will not be possible to differentiate tasks for all learning needs (as we would do in school) whilst working online; therefore, we would advise that if your child is unable to access their current year group's English tasks, please visit another year group's page as their tasks may be more suitable.

Activities in school are introduced and modelled by our class teachers so you may need to sit with your child and guide them as they begin their work.

**Additional Learning Activities:**

If you wish to access **additional learning activities**, then you can encourage your child to use **Purple Mash**, which is a website we use in school to teach the computing curriculum.

There is a range of activities on **Purple Mash** e.g. typing practice, spelling practice, maths games etc. We would encourage you to make the most of this resource while school is closed.

Furthermore, **Twinkl** (a teaching resource which we use in school) can be accessed by parents for free. To find out more about this, please follow this link: [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer)

In order to **summarise** the **homework guidance** for a potential closure, I have included a table to clarify these arrangements:

**Reception:**

FOCUS	TASK(S)	AIM TO COMPLETE	TIMINGS (APPROX.)
English	Daily phonics session – to be recorded in the <b>green</b> homework book.	<b>ONE TASK PER DAY</b> Monday – Friday	20 minutes
Maths	Home Learning Challenges – to be recorded using the <b>Evidence Me app</b>	<b>ONE TASK PER DAY</b> Monday – Friday	20 minutes
R.E.	Research / discussion-based task	<b>ONCE A WEEK</b>	20 minutes
Topic	Research / discussion-based task linked to a specific subject / topic	<b>ONCE A WEEK</b>	30 minutes

**Nursery:**

FOCUS	TASK(S)	AIM TO COMPLETE	TIMINGS (APPROX.)
English	Phonics Home Learning Challenges – to be recorded using the <b>Evidence Me app</b>	<b>ONE TASK PER DAY</b> Monday – Friday	10 minutes
Maths	Home Learning Challenges – to be recorded using the <b>Evidence Me app</b>	<b>ONE TASK PER DAY</b> Monday – Friday	10 minutes
Topic	Child's voice task – to be completed in the <b>yellow</b> homework book	<b>ONCE A WEEK</b>	10 minutes

**Please note: homework tasks will only be set during term time (not during school holidays).**

We kindly request that you do as much as you are able to do with your child during this difficult and uncertain time.

We hope that this letter will help to reassure you during the current uncertain times. Please visit our **school website** regularly to view any updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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