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Re: Home Learning during self-isolation

Dear parents and carers,

We now have a number of families who are self-isolating for seven days because a member of their household has a continuous cough and/or high fever, as is the current advice from the government.

A number of these families have asked the class teacher to prepare a pack of work for their child to do at home. While we understand that you want to ensure your child's learning and progress is not impacted while they are off school, this is an undertaking that would have huge time implications. My teachers are already working long hours and juggling busy workloads and I am not prepared to add to this. Therefore, we sat down as a staff yesterday after school and created the list of ideas below which you can pick from while self-isolating, or in the event that the government enforces closure of all schools in the coming weeks. The information in this letter will also be on our school website in the 'other letters section, should you need to find it at a later date.

We completely understand that some families will not have the resources to be able to access all the suggested activities, and some children may be too unwell to undertake learning on some days. It is not compulsory but there if you wish to access it.

Yours sincerely

Sally Dreckmann
Headteacher

Suggested activities and web links

Letters and Sounds – for phonics practise <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Twinkl – they are offering every parent/carer in England access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS
They have created school closure home learning packs in addition to their range of other resources to support learning.

BBC Bitesize for KS1 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p> (Years 1 and 2 are looking at materials in science so have a look at that section)

Top Marks – maths games <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

National Geographic for Kids - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/>

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Oxford Owl – lots of resources including some e-books <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Literacy Shed – a bank of resources to stimulate writing and comprehension – we advise watching the films before using them with children as they are not all KS1 appropriate
<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

Maths Shed – offering a free 14 day trial <https://www.mathshed.com/>

Jump Start Johnny – if you want a bit of activity! <https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/free-stuff>

For Year 2 only – if you wish to download and do practise SATs papers in maths and reading -
<https://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=4>

Pobble 365 – images to use as a stimulus for writing - <http://www.pobble365.com/>

Cbeebies games – some of these are more academic than others! - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>
Cbeebies also has a section on Makaton – the sign language we have been learning in school -
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/makaton>

Reception children could also practise their keywords, the phonemes on the stickers in their books, write sentences (with a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces!), or practise writing their name. Anything done at home by Reception that is independent can be uploaded to Early Essence.

Other ideas include:

- Cookery to practise weighing and measuring
- Reading – school and home books
- Creating a personal project on a subject of your child's own choice

As of Thursday this week, your child will also have home access to a website we have just joined called Numbots – details to follow. This will allow them to practise their addition and subtraction facts.

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