

SOMERSET EDUCATION SERVICES

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Dear Parents/Carers

Home Learning for the Children

The teachers are currently preparing home learning packs for the children. These will be needed if the school has to close following government guidance, or because of lack of staff to keep your children safe in school. Some parents have already decided, for personal reasons, to withdraw their children from school. This is understandable and we advise that you currently support your child's education with regular reading and activities.

The packs will be sent home if the situation demands. We are also currently setting up Google Classroom for the various classes and of course Tapestry is already in use for our younger children. Each class will receive a letter explaining the activities and access arrangements, plus contact details for the teacher for your child's class.

I cannot stress enough the importance of routine and the regularity of learning. It is important that the children do activities each day rather than packing as much as possible into one day, so that they don't have to do anything for the next few days. The children are more likely to retain learning if they follow this approach. Each teacher will send a timetable with the activities which they have set and advice about marking. For work being done online there will be set times when it needs to be completed so that the teacher can mark it ready for preparing the next steps in learning for your child.

There will be a mixture of paper based work and work online, however this will vary between classes and the activities being set. There may be the need for photographs of work to be taken to be uploaded onto the site or emailed to the staff. We need to know if your child does not have access to a tablet or computer to be able to complete the online work. They will also need to have a pencil, ruler, rubber and crayons suitable for their age group. **Please contact if this will pose problems for your child working at home.** We will be aiming for the work set to reflect, as much as possible, the broad school curriculum to keep the children's experience stimulating and enriching. I need to warn you that there may be some teething problems with Google Classroom as it will be newly set up but please do persevere. If you do experience any technical difficulties, please contact Mr Ives at Slives@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

I know you will want your child's learning to progress over this period of time when we are not in school. It will not be easy and it is uncertain how long the time out of school may last. Where possible we will make links to videos or explanations to support you, as parents, in the teaching of your children. The interaction and discussion between you, as the adult, and your child is vital for valuable, long lasting learning to take place.



I understand this will place challenges on you as parents, who may be working at home or still in demanding jobs in the workplace, but know how fortunate we are to have such supportive parents who will be prepared to go the extra mile to ensure that the child's learning does not suffer. The teachers will be available for you to email and they will be in regular contact with you. Do not hesitate to contact them for help and advice to ensure that we work through this unprecedented time together.

If you need to contact me then please do so, my email address is: nroberts2@educ.somerset.gov.uk
All of the staff will still be working at home to do our best to ensure that you and your children are well-supported.

I am sending this letter today to ensure that you feel prepared if we do have to close. The main way that we will contact you is by email and text to the key contacts email/phone number we have on your child's contact details. **Please ensure any details we hold for you are up to date.**

Yours sincerely

Nicola Roberts
Headteacher

Useful email addresses

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