



18th March 2020

Dear Families,

In the event of school closure, Waterfield teachers will be providing support work to enable you to keep educating your children at home.

It is essential that children who are 'well enough' at home still be educated.

Therefore, in an ideal situation:

- Please set aside formal timetabled hours to conduct 'schooling' at home.
- Set up a 'Work Area' at home – this should be well-lit, be equipped with writing materials and where possible technology to access the internet (if you have it)
- Be prepared yourselves to support learning – as a parent/guardian you will need to act as support teacher and learn with your children.
- Set up a timetable with a clock so children know when they are working and when they can enjoy free time.

For families who have already gone into self-isolation, we are providing the following best guidance for educating your children at home.

Where possible, children should access their online learning platforms.

Early Years

Miss Newman and the team have provided Home Learning Packs and will be giving you our Oxford Reading Buddy logins again. There are lots of activities some of which will be familiar from your '100 Days' celebration. As ever reading, counting and stories will form the backbone of activities.

Year 1 and 2 – Please look at www.phonicsplay.co.uk you can set up a free account and access a wide variety of learning activities all around phonics and early reading.

Also please review: <https://www.ictgames.com/> - this site contains superb maths and English based games for the children.

Review the BBC player website for episodes of Numberblocks and of course

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> - that has wonderful games, programmes and more that can help with phonics, number facts and knowledge of the wider world.

Year 1 Upwards to Year 6

School is currently investing in MyMaths, an online Mathematics learning portal – this will be available to all children – Logins will be provided via a letter – for those already absent please contact the office for your login. <https://login.mymaths.co.uk/>

This platform will take the children through lessons and set tasks that will be marked with scores relayed back to the teachers. This is a wonderful resource and we urge you to explore it.

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Year 3 upwards to Year 6

Times Table Rockstars – Allow the children time to practice their **Times Table Rockstars** – All children should have their login – if you require it please call the office.

FINALLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY ... FOR ALL CHILDREN – Reading is essential – for both you as the adult and your child:

- Everyday read a bedtime story to and with your child.
- Hear your child read loud (even in Year 6) for at least 20 minutes a day. Check children understand the meaning of words – often we assume children know what they are reading just because they can say the words.
- Allow you child access to **OXFORD READING BUDDY** each day – everyone has a login for this – but again if you need this please call the office.

In the event of a planned/phased closure, School will hand out Home Learning Packs to ALL children still physically in school; however those of you already in isolation can access these packs digitally via our website – please navigate to www.waterfieldprimary.co.uk > PARENTS > School Emergency Planning Covid-19

Under this section you will see copies of our latest communication and each Year Group’s Home Learning Pack.

If you are already in isolation and would like a physical pack these will be available to collect from the office – please send a representative to school to collect your pack. Do not break your isolation and ask your representative to post it through your door.

Please make sure you tell whoever is collecting the pack which Year Group you require and the names of the children they are collecting for.

Currently physical packs are ONLY for families in isolation – Packs will be available from Wednesday 18th March 2020.

Other Online Resources that you may find useful to review.

Resources	Good for...	Link
Spelling frame	Spelling! Good for all national curriculum words. Lots of free sections with games and puzzles. Especially good at segmenting words.	www.spellingframe.co.uk
Maths frame	Maths! Like Spelling Frame, lots of good free resources - but for maths. The multiplication times table check section is modelled on the Year 4 national check.	www.mathsframe.co.uk
Grid Club	Loads of great free resources covering the entire curriculum.	www.gridclub.com/

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Simon game	Fun game for improving memory skills, based on the old 'Simon' game.	http://www.freesimon.org/
TWINKL Parents' Hub	Designed for parents, for different areas of the curriculum, this contains hundreds of educational activities designed for use at home. Parents of children in Years 1-6 should look at the area for children aged 5-11.	www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents/age-specific-resources-parents/english-main-subjects-parents
Squeeble Apps for Learning	Learning and practising key skills for English and maths. Please note there is a small charge for each app (£1.99 - £3.99) or you can purchase the bundle. The spelling one is particularly good.	https://keystagefun.co.uk/

Kind regards,

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