

The Coppice Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The staff at The Coppice have been working hard to prepare a Home Learning Site so that children can continue to learn and develop whilst at home, if our school is forced to close or if children need to self-isolate.

All children can access the Home Learning Site at:

sites.google.com/coppice.worcs.sch.uk/coppice

This link has been made available on the school website.

On the homepage, are a series of links that will enable you to quickly access some of the activities that could be used e.g. Purple Mash, Spellodrome, Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars etc.

In addition, once on the homepage, in the event of complete school closure, children would need to go to the correct year group link in order to access their year group area. Here there will be a welcoming message from the child's class teachers, which will be updated regularly (but not necessarily daily) so keep checking this, as information from the teacher will be shared here. It is here where your child will also find daily activities and lessons that need to be completed. Obviously, as the school is still open, these areas are not yet completed. However, population of these areas will be ready in the eventuality of the closure of the school.

If school is not closed, but your child is self-isolating at home, daily work will not be uploaded (as teachers will still be preparing work for the children in school). However, your child will still be able to use the learning programmes mentioned above. Daily reading, for example, is also something that will still be of great benefit to your child!

In the event of closure, there is an expectation for children in KS1 and KS2 (Years 1-6) to work for approximately 3 hours per day. The teachers will continue to plan and upload work for all children from home. Most of this will be revisiting and revising previously taught objectives as opposed to new learning. Everyone will receive a daily maths, reading, writing and subject-based (history, geography or science) activity. These may be online activities, practical tasks, links to videos or things that can be viewed or printed as a worksheet or completed in books. If your child completes an online task that can be shared with the teacher, please do so and remember to ask your child to add their name to it.

Each year group normally sets an optional termly project. This project will become compulsory (should we close) and will form part of the home learning. Details of this project can be found within your child's year group area. This is a chance to be really creative and present information in a form or variety of forms chosen by the child.

If your child needs to make contact / liaise with the class teacher whilst they are away from school, then they can do so using the email addresses provided within each year group link. Teachers will endeavour to respond to your child as soon as possible.

Children in EYFS (Nursery and Reception) will also receive daily activities that we would like them to complete. The difference is that we are not setting a time expectation for these children (due to their ages) but all other things mentioned above still apply.

We do not know if or for how long the school will be closed for, so we will continue to upload lessons and activities for as long as needed.

Teachers will endeavour though (through the Home Learning Site) to give feedback on online work and activities whenever possible. It would also be beneficial for all the children if, as parents, you could give your child the support they need to complete the tasks and to give them feedback where possible. If answers are needed to an activity, the teacher may upload these the following day in order that work can then be self-marked.

When we do finally return to school, we are sure that you will understand it would be impossible for the class teachers to look at and mark any remaining work that has been completed as part of your child's home learning, as they will be extremely busy getting things ready for the return to normality.

We do feel though that it would be great if the children could bring in their completed projects on return to school in order that their hard work can be shared with the rest of the class.

We do of course understand that the Easter break is 'a break'. Therefore, there will not be daily tasks set for the duration of the two week holiday. If children are still keen to continue their learning though (as many will be), they can use the links on the homepage to continue with online activities eg. Mathletics, Spellodrome, Purple Mash. Of course they can continue with their project too or do an additional one of their own choice.

We do hope that you will support the school with all of the above and will ensure that your child completes the daily activities should the school have to close..

As previously mentioned, please do not hesitate in contacting the class teacher via their email if you feel the need to do so.

Should you not have internet access, other learning materials e.g. workbooks will be provided in due course.

Finally, we just want to stress that we are thinking of you all at this time and will miss seeing you should the school need to close for an extended period. However, what is most important to us is that you all stay safe and that we can continue to play our part in providing your child with continued learning and a semblance of routine.

We greatly look forward to a return to everyday normality and to The Coppice family coming together again.

Kindest regards,

All the staff at The Coppice.