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Home Learning and the School Website

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Dear Parents/Carers,



It's been great to get all the positive feedback from our first two weekly home learning blocks that each year group have created. We've all loved seeing the learning you're posting to Twitter, uploading to Class Dojo, adding to Google Classroom, emailing your teachers and chatting about the learning when you get your personal phone calls. Whilst we are just coming to the end of the first week of the two week block, year group teachers are planning and creating the next two week block, which will hopefully go out at the end of next week. Just remember, this two week home learning block is there if you want to do it. We

know there are lots of other forms of home learning taking place as well. However, please remember, the wellbeing of everyone is paramount and it's also about taking this opportunity to have quality time with the family and doing things that we wouldn't normally have time to do.



As the main part of this letter, I wanted to share with you the school website and the 'Team SJA Home Learning Zone' that we have quickly put together to support home learning. This can be accessed via the home page and by clicking 'Children' and then 'Team SJA Home Learning Zone'.



This will then take you to the main page where all the links are to various support for home learning. These include areas for most of the letters I have sent out, the two weekly home learning blocks that have been sent home, support for keeping children safe online and a whole variety of web links.



Educational Online Learning Sites

Have a look at the various pages here. There are lots of links to some great websites where you can get support. We've split the sub pages up into general learning sites, maths learning sites, English learning sites and physical activity resources. Keep looking at these pages as we will be updating with more suggestions

SEN and Wellbeing

There are whole range of the activities, suggestions and support in these sub pages. If you explore the 'Nurture and Wellbeing' pages you'll find lots of suggestions put together by the school's TAs who run the nurture intervention programmes. These will include many of the ideas/games/activities that your children will be familiar with if they attend nurture groups. As well as this, Miss Fawn has put together some suggested activities for nurture as well.



SJA Home Learning Overviews

This is where you can find copies of all the home learning that has been sent out – this is a great place to look if you have misplaced any sheets. If you need paper copies of any of these documents, please just let us know and we'll endeavour to get them to you.

Being Safe Online

With so much home learning being based online and children connecting with each other over a variety of devices, staying safe online is of the upmost importance. In this area, you'll find lots of support for parents/carers and activities children for children to teach them to be safe when online.





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Letter since Partial Closure

Here you will find copies of letters that I have sent out since we have been in lockdown and partial closure. As a school, we do endeavour to try and communicate really well. Having access to Parentmail is of vital importance during this time. Please keep checking this regularly. As well as this, please remember that you can contact your child's teacher via their email address, phone school or email myself if you need any information at all.

A few Other Updates

1. Free School Meal Vouchers – Whilst this has undoubtedly had issues across the country, we are fortunate as a school that we are pretty much up to date. Apart from a few families, everyone now has the vouchers up to week 3, which is this week. I have ordered the next two week's worth of vouchers and I am awaiting them to be processed. By the end of next week, we should be completely up to date.
2. Resource Packs – Next week, we will be looking at starting to put the next packs together to be delivered to home. These will also include paper copies of the next two week block of home learning.
3. Drop offs – By the end of next week, we should have completed the next set of drop offs. Providing that the free school meal vouchers arrive, we should be able to co-ordinate the resource packs, home learning print offs and free school meal vouchers in one drop off.
4. School Reopening – I don't really know much more than anybody else at the moment. It's best not to listen to journalists or social media as they are making guesses. The government line is we will open when it is safe. However, I do think it will be a gradual reopening – but again, I have no idea what this might look like.

Once again, thank you for all your support and feedback that we are getting. Please keep the positive feedback coming in and also any areas that you think we could improve on further.

We hope you are all well and are keeping safe.

Kind regards

Mr Rice