

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### **Re: Covid-19**

Dear Parents / Carers,

With increasing numbers of the school community going into self-isolation (no confirmed cases), we felt that this would be a good time to send out details about home learning, especially as parents have been asking for work that their children can complete whilst at home. We remain open and continue to follow government guidance but if we do have to close due to a significant rise in the numbers of staff forced to self-isolate or as a result of further government guidance (updated daily), we wanted you to be aware of what we have in place in advance.

In the event of a closure, we will notify you via text and the school website.

In terms of home learning, the children will come home with an exercise book this evening where they can record any work that they do at home. They will also come home with some packs with activities in that they can complete at home (if they aren't ill). We are fully aware that access to technology in the home may be limited for families due to so many people self-isolating so we have considered this when producing the packs. Further details will also be provided on the home learning section of our website (under the pupils tab), where you can find links to websites, examples of activities that don't require screen access, further maths activities and so on. These activities will be updated remotely for your reference.

In the event of a closure, staff will continue to work from home and will be accessible between 8.30 and 3.30 Monday to Friday via dojo or the school email address. We will endeavour to respond to your communication as soon as possible. If you don't get a response from a member of staff within 48 hours, please email the school office as it may be that a particular staff member has taken ill. If you have any questions about home learning, class teachers will be able to help. Equally, if we can support you and your family in any other way, please contact us.

As mentioned above, packs for individual year groups will be sent out this evening so that you have them at home just in case. Please also find below some further suggestions of activities for children to complete.

**Spelling** – Included on our website are the mandatory spellings for Key Stage 1 and 2 to practise. They can learn the spellings and try putting them into sentences. Phonics activities will also be included in individual packs.

### **Maths**

1. TT Rockstars – Children need to be fluent with times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. TT Rockstars is a brilliant resource that can be used to support children with their understanding/recall of times tables.





### **Topic**

As the children are arriving at the producing phase of their curriculum question, we are asking the children to complete a small project based around answering the over-arching question for their topic. The Year 1/2 over-arching question is 'How have the events of the Great Fire of London helped us?' The Year 3/4 over-arching question is 'How can we relate Ancient Egyptian life to our own lives?' and the Year 5/6 over-arching question is 'What have the Greeks done for us?' The children can use any means that they wish to use to answer this question e.g. powerpoint presentation, leaflet, playscripts, posters, art, models, etc. As one of the school's learning cogs is language and oracy, when the children return to school, every child will be given the opportunity to present their work to the rest of the class. Reception parents – please see your child's individual pack for further details about their learning.

### **Reading**

With a continued focus on developing reading and a love of books, we are still encouraging children to read every day for at least 20 minutes. Additional books for Reception and Key Stage One children to access will also come home today.

### **Physical Activity**

Of course, it is also really important to keep your mind and body healthy so physical activity is important. Children can set themselves daily challenges that can be completed in the house or garden. There are some fitness station and circuit challenges on our website to give you some ideas.

Obviously, there are lots of ideas for home learning. We do not expect everything to be completed. Reading daily, spelling practice and a daily Maths activity would be great as a priority.

Thank you to you all for pulling together as a community in these uncertain times. We thank you for continuing to follow the guidance issued by the government and for keeping us updated as a school. The school continues to do everything we can to implement guidance and safeguard the community the best we can. Today's guidance remains as per my letter yesterday for the time being; however we will update you with further guidance when we receive it.

Please contact the school office if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

