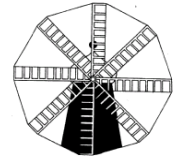


# Heckington Saint Andrew's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Government Enforced Closure**

Covid-19 is undoubtedly one of the greatest global challenges of our time and we in education must now also adapt and adopt profound changes to our methods of working.

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school on Friday 20 March - until further notice – to all students other than those in the key worker category as identified by the Prime Minister.** We are still waiting for the confirmation from the cabinet office about who is in this group and who isn't, and we will write to those parents affected as soon as we can with more information.

For these children and young people identified, we are anticipating that we will be running - for as long as we are able - provision on our school site. This provision will not be the usual timetable or the National Curriculum, however we will endeavour to ensure your children and young people are safe and cared for during this period.

We would also like to inform you about how we will communicate with you and what work our teachers have set for those children not in these priority groups, who unfortunately will not be attending school for the foreseeable future. **Please keep this letter somewhere safe so that you can refer back to it!**

## **What work will be set for my child?**

The teachers will be sending out a home learning pack tonight with enough work for your child to complete **up until the Easter holidays.** As your child completes the work set, they can take a photograph and upload it to their Seesaw account for their class teacher to see and provide feedback where necessary but please be aware that staff also have other responsibilities so feedback may not be immediate therefore please do be patient.

Should the school continue to be closed following the Easter holidays, which is currently very likely, then teachers will be continuing to set daily learning tasks via Seesaw as per the letter sent on Wednesday. The work for Oak Class will be set via Tapestry rather than Seesaw. You have also received tonight a letter with instructions on how to set up Seesaw at home. Should you have any issues, please contact us tomorrow so we can help you with this. The activities will be accompanied by clear instructions and teachers will be on hand each day to help should you have any questions or queries. You can also still contact us via email ([enquiries@heckington.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@heckington.lincs.sch.uk)).



## **What can I do if they complete the work that is set?**

- Online educational publishers, [Twinkl](#), have offered parents free access to all its resources for a month to support continued learning at home. All you need to do is enter UKTWINKLHELPS to get started.
- Parents should be able to access free Home Learning Packs for each primary year group. Each pack contains resources to help with distance learning:
  - EYFS <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/xrh0w>
  - KS1 <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/qznc0>
  - KS2 <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/1bm381>
- For children who love science, the [Children's University of Manchester](#) website is an excellent interactive resource in which your child can browse a number of different science topics, which have a quiz at the end of each unit.
- [White Rose Maths](#) have prepared a series of five brand new maths lessons for each year group from Years 1-6. Every lesson comes with a short video showing you clearly and simply how to help your child to complete the activity successfully.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) is an excellent online resource that provides students help with revision and learning. Here you will find a number of free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject on every subject for students aged from three to 16 and over.
- For those of you who enjoy making crafts with your child at home, [Activity Village](#) is a great resource for ideas and templates to develop creativity at home.
- Go for some virtual tours around some museums in different parts of the world <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>
- Spelling Shed <https://www.spellingshed.com>
- Maths Shed <https://www.mathshed.com>
- Picture News <https://www.picture-news.co.uk>

## **What if I need to contact my teacher/the school?**

Whilst we are closed, should you have any questions or queries, please email them to [enquiries@heckington.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@heckington.lincs.sch.uk). I will be checking this email every day. I will ensure that any queries are shared with the relevant teacher and will email you back as soon as I can. Throughout the closure, the school will be following all government guidelines, and it would be helpful if you could avoid using this email for anything other than emergencies or queries relating to your child's work.

## **How will my school contact me?**

All letters will go home via Parent Hub and will also be put onto the school website (Parents – Letters). We will endeavour to keep you informed of every step we take, in line with the government guidelines.

We all know that this is a challenging and unprecedented situation – each school has to follow their own procedures, and I would like to thank you all for your patience and support during this difficult period!

I would like to finish with a prayer for our whole school community: “Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support us, protect us, guard us and watch over us, lifting up all who are brought low, that we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.”

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J M Bentley  
Head Teacher