



20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure

Yesterday we received the notification that we have been anticipating for a while, and that schools are to close from Friday, 20th March 2020 until further advice from the Government.

Frankly this is probably a relief to many people, it certainly is to my staff and me! As part of the closure notification schools have an obligation to provide work for the children to complete during the closure period. Below is the plan of action from Harpenden Academy regarding the continuation of school work.

- Each Monday morning by 10.00 teachers will send out work for the week. This will be sent via EduLink
- Each week the following will be set:-
 - Maths – 3 pieces
 - 1 piece = continuation of timetable. This can be Maths Shed
 - 1 piece = 4 operations worksheet
 - 1 piece = maths no problem worksheet
 - 3 pieces of English
 - 1 piece = SPAG activity
 - 1 piece = Spelling activity – can be the Spelling Shed
 - 1 piece = written piece relating to the genre set to be taught
 - 1 “creative” piece which will alternate weekly between “Science” and “Topic” related list/Geography/Religious Education/Art activity
 - Daily reading

The pieces of work should be completed in the childrens ‘Home Learning’ books as normal. In addition to this we have created a little “daily timetable” for children and or parents to follow giving the children some structure to their days.

On the timetable are a variety of activities such as physical exercise, mindfulness time, small acts of kindness time. All related to the schools 5 ways to wellbeing approach which the children are familiar with.

Parents, I am totally aware many, if not most of you, are working from home or may actually be ill of course, in which case will not have the time or indeed energy to work through the learning work set. All I will say on this matter is please do what you are able. It is our legal obligation to provide adequate learning opportunities for the children. You as parents, must decide what can or cannot be done.

We will continue to communicate through EduLink over the next few weeks.

In the meantime, please keep well, enjoy this extra time to be together as a family. Our world is suddenly going to shrink somewhat and become a little more condensed. Many of us live in comfortable homes, however, this isn’t true of everyone and I would urge parents and children to be



mindful of our elderly and frail neighbours who may need our assistance in some guise or other over the next few weeks.

I will be in touch via EduLink and I wish you all well during the most curious of times.

Kind regards,

Headteacher

Time	Activity	Notes/ examples
Up to 9am	Wake up	Including eating breakfast, making your bed, getting dressed
9-10am	Get physical	Walk, jog, bike ride, yoga, trampoline
10 – 11am	Learning time	See learning sent weekly from school
11 – 12pm	Snack time Creative time	 Lego, imaginary play, art and crafts, baking, cooking, gardening
12 – 1pm	Lunchtime and chore time	Help with jobs such as laundry, washing up, dishwasher, wiping kitchen surfaces, bathroom surfaces and all door handles/light switches
1pm – 1.30pm	Five Minutes Mindfulness 25 minutes quiet reading	Mindful breathing, eating, smelling, listening
1.30 – 2.30pm	Learning time	See learning sent weekly from school
2.30 – 3pm	Snack time Small Acts of kindness	 Help someone out or contact a friend or elderly relative who may be feeling lonely or unwell
3 – 4pm	Learning time	See learning sent weekly from school
4 – 5pm	Fresh air (where possible) and time in nature	
5 – 6pm	Dinner time	
6 – 7pm	Calm time and family time where possible Gratitude	Bathtime, storytime, TV time, board games, quizzes, plan your day for tomorrow together Reflect on things you have enjoyed today and things you are grateful for
7pm onwards	Bedtime	Sleep is very important for keeping your immune system strong