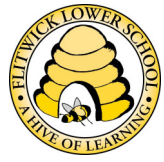


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Dear Parents

Yesterday the Government announced schools would close in England from Friday 20th March 2020 and will be closed for the foreseeable future. An exception to this will be for key workers, vulnerable children and those with an EHCP. Over the next two days we will be liaising with parents in these categories to confirm schooling arrangements.

As a result of this **we will**:

1. Provide online learning through the learning platform, a user guide is on the home page of the website with passwords for Foundation, Year 1 and 2. Year 3 and 4 children already have a personal log in. The self help guide is very clear but if you need any assistance then please contact the school office and we will help you <https://bedfordshire.itslearning.com>
2. Maintain email contact with everyone – flitwicklower@gmail.com
3. Communicate via our school ping app – if you are having problems with this then please email in now.
4. Ensure the website is updated daily with any further updates or messages. These will be found on the home page so you don't need to search for them.
5. Teachers will send weekly learning tasks for the children to complete.

Whilst we recognise that these are more challenging times, it is useful to remember that learning is continuous and can happen in many wonderful ways. Suggestions would be:

- Go for a walk and enjoy the fresh air as well as nature. During this time you can look for signs of spring as it develops, take photos or draw flowers and trees. This can then be used for observational drawing, sketching, identification, labelling etc. The children will love this and this meets science, art, health and well-being objectives
- Cooking, gardening, singing, playing board games and watching documentaries are also useful ways to engage the children in purposeful activities which promote conversations, questions and discussions. This in turn can lead to an opportunity to record in some way – written, PowerPoints and video – the child's learning journey.

Other useful online resources available are:

- Twinkl



- Times Table Rock stars
- Letterjoins
- Code.org.
- Oxfordowl.com
- Phonics play.co.uk
- Mental maths document which is on the website.

We will update you with more useful links on a regular basis and these will be found on the course page of the appropriate learning platform.

In the meantime, we would ask that you keep doing the basics brilliantly e.g. reading regularly with your child, encouraging them to spell, challenging them on number bonds and/or times tables following the home learning maps and most of all sending us regular examples of their learning which we can then give feedback on and celebrate in our weekly newsletter.

These are all things that can be done with children who are well. However, guidance is that at any time you must keep a reasonable distance away from others. I would also like to emphasise if you have a temperature, a cough or breathing difficulties you **MUST** self-isolate for 14 days and please follow the guidance that is on our website.

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness or the illness in any household members is worsening. If it's not an emergency, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. If it is an emergency and you need to call an ambulance, dial 999 and inform the call handler or operator that you or your relative has coronavirus symptoms.

Finally, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to everybody in the Flitwick Lower community for the support, responsibility you have shown and the kind words offered to the staff.

We wish everybody well and look forward to when we can return to school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Joanna New

