

# Bishop Road Primary School

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## **Home Learning and Communication**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We understand the number of emails and texts from school is considerably more than usual owing to the fast changing situation. Thank you for reading and responding to any requests promptly. Key workers and parents of vulnerable children have been asked to contact school with important information as soon as possible. If this applies to you, please see the previous email.

With schools closing from today across the UK, education provision moves to home learning. This is a very challenging time for everyone, and the nature and speed of the change for children, families and staff is considerable. We see this period of home learning as an opportunity to revisit children's prior learning, enjoy activities and embed skills and knowledge gained in this academic year into long term memory.

We see the role of parents and carers as being to facilitate children undertaking learning tasks as recommended by the school. You will have received another letter detailing the structure for this home learning as recommended by the school. Keeping a routine and structure, as well as continuing to embed and practise crucial elements of learning such as reading, writing and maths, will be hugely supportive to children over the period of school closure and in terms of helping them to successfully come back to school once we reopen.

We trust that home learning will be engaging and enjoyable but understand that there may be some areas which throw up challenges and questions. We have included the school calculation policy on each year group web page, and would advise parents/carers to refer to online resources for further support, including:

- BBC Bitesize
- Youtube - there are many helpful instructional and information videos for a range of areas
- Nrich - activities and games for mathematics

There are considerable numbers of staff who will not be able to perform their usual functions during this time period, as mirrored in wider society. The remaining teachers and support staff will be playing a vital role serving the needs of key workers in a period of significant organisational change. Early next week we will contact you with a whole school email address for communications during this period. The email address will be for essential and priority concerns only, such as changes in family circumstances or safeguarding concerns. Please be advised there is limited staff and non-essential messages will not be responded to.



We will also send out a weekly update letter throughout this period to keep you informed about any important information relating to the school and home learning.

When we return to school, the priorities for teachers will be to re-establish routines, relationships with children and core learning principles. Children will be significantly prepared for this reintegration if they have maintained a steady routine including regular opportunities to complete school work. We look forward to being able to welcome all of the children back in the future.

We wish you all the very best for the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah  
Deputy Head

