

Home Learning

(or how to avoid losing your mind!)

What is it?

You may have heard it called **remote learning**, **online learning**, **home schooling**, **recorded lessons**, **live lessons**, **blended learning**.

It's all the same thing! Yes, school is very, VERY different at the moment... but that doesn't mean we can't work together to achieve some great things!

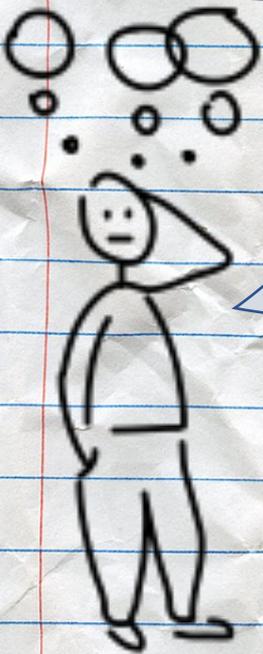


We understand that many parents worry about learning at home. The questions we've been asked helped us make home learning as easy as possible and as stress free as we possibly can!

We hope that this letter will help you and your children.

School is closed. Children are at learning at home. What is my child supposed to be doing?

Teachers are sending out the learning that your child needs for his/her age group. If your child needs harder work or easier work, the teacher will provide this also, just like they do in class.

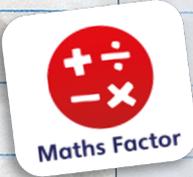


You can click these...



Also, teachers have given out passwords for lots of really good websites we use in school, such as:

Oxford Owls – this is the school reading scheme, so your child can access the reading books that we use in school. The books will be on screen. **Why can't school send books home?** We cannot do this safely due to coronavirus.



Maths Factor – this provides the children with maths lessons from Carol Vorderman. Teachers set lessons for your child on their computers at home.



Read theory – some classes use ReadTheory.org. This is a great website with lots of comprehension style reading activities.

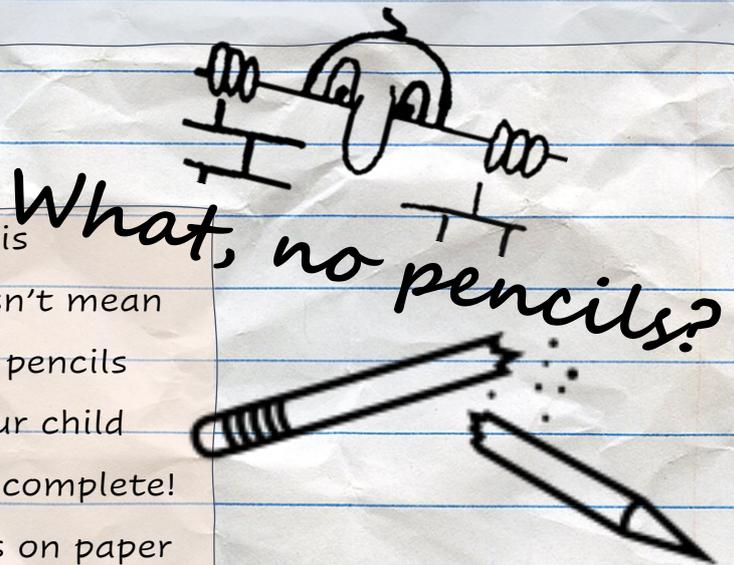


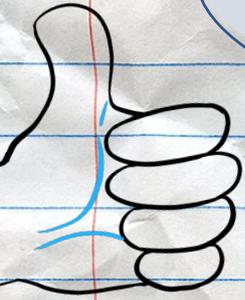
J2Blast – This is on the J2e page on HWB, use this for practicing times tables!



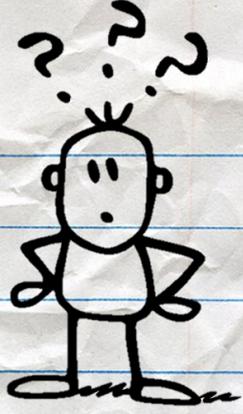
J2Blast (spelling) – Use this for practicing spelling.

Of course, working on the computer is important at the moment. This doesn't mean that children can leave the pens and pencils alone! Many of the tasks sent to your child need only paper and pen or pencil to complete! Make sure they complete some tasks on paper now and then, using the screen to help!





How does the teacher know what my child is doing? How do they mark the work?



Teachers ask the children to send their work in via email / through a programme that they are using / photographs (your child's class teacher will let you know if you are unsure.). Teachers mark the work, give any comments, check how well pupils are learning and ensuring pupils practise or move on to the next step.

All staff are accessible to help parents and children during the school day.

You can leave a message on the school phone number (01639 882819), you can ring the school mobile, send a text, email class teacher or school. You could also explain the problem on our Facebook page and then a member of staff will contact you to help resolve the problem.

What if my child needs help?

You've got this.

KEEP GOING



Is my child expected to work for the 5 hours as they do in a school day?

Absolutely not!

The school day is planned very carefully around how children develop and learn. Younger children need more time to learn through play and older children can concentrate on a piece of work for longer, (even this depends on the child!) Throughout the school day we have practical lessons, discussions, PE, arts and crafts, time for wellbeing and so on!

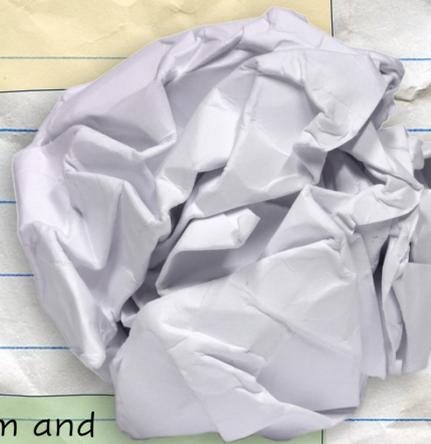
The day involves a variety of different types of learning. This is important for your children at home too. Teachers know your children well and will be able to guide you if you would like advice.

I have to work from home myself. How can I manage my child's learning also?

Some lessons are pre-recorded, which means a short film and explanation from the teacher just as we do in school. Of course, there are times when you are unable to help your child due to your own work commitments, remember there are many great cBBC programmes, Bitesize and educational programmes on TV right now.

Make sure your child also has some free time to play! Learning patience for your attention is an important part of growing up too! Children enjoy drawing, colouring, lego and they can all be used as learning opportunities whilst you need to focus on your own work.

The important thing is balance – making sure there's time for learning and time for play!



Should I follow the structure of the school day?

If this suits you yes but if it doesn't no! You can organise your child's learning day in a way that suits you and your family. This may mean that some learning will take place in the evening. As long as we can keep the children learning as best we can whilst school is closed that is the main priority.

If you are limited for time put the focus on reading, number work and writing. All children need speaking and listening skills also to develop language skills so plenty of conversation and getting the children involved in family / household tasks with you. This is always valuable time that can be well spent.

MR. BUSBY
by Roger Hargreaves



I find it difficult getting my child engaged in learning at home.

You are not alone! Many parents are finding the same. How children are at home can be very different to how they are in school. Not for all children but some can make it very difficult for parents. We have discussed this as a staff and we will all agree with you totally. Our own staff are working from home and trying to engage their own children too, so we understand what you are going through. Please do not stress over this and let us help out. Just let us know and teacher can communicate the expectations with them.



HELP!!

Whatever it is that is worrying you please let us know. We have taken many calls and your problems and questions help us to make this easier for you. That's our job. Your child's learning needs to be relaxed and fun otherwise they will not learn anyway. If we are concerned because we have not seen any online work we will contact you to find out the problems to help you fix them.

