



Whitehead

Primary School
& Nursery Unit

'LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER'

Dear Parent

It is very important that you follow the current advice outlined by the government. **If any child has a new, persistent cough or a temperature they should self-isolate for 7 days. Those who have travelled from affected areas and those who have been in contact with a positive case should also follow the same guidance. If you are unsure I would err on the side of caution! PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED BY EMAIL. info@whiteheadps.whitehead.ni.sch.uk.**

This letter will outline what you should do:

1. If your child is required to self-isolate
2. If school is required to close for 2 weeks
3. If school is required to close for a longer period of time

1. In the event that your child is required to self-isolate I would encourage you to use some of the websites outlined below in order to keep your child ticking over. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT THE WEBSITES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE AGE & STAGE OF YOUR CHILD. Obviously it goes without saying to continue reading with your child and playing board games is a very good and fun way to reinforce basic numeracy and literacy skills.

Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

BBC Learning <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

Blockly <https://blockly.games>

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch <https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

Ted Ed <https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Duolingo <https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Mystery Science <https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This <https://thekidshouldseethis.com>
Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course <https://thecrashcourse.com>
You Tube videos on many subjects

Crash Course Kids <https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>
As above for a younger audience

Crest Awards <https://www.crestawards.org>
Science awards you can complete from home.

iDEA Awards <https://idea.org.uk>
Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

Paw Print Badges <https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>
Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Tinkercad <https://www.tinkercad.com>
All kinds of making.

Prodigy Maths <https://www.prodigygame.com>
Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age.

Cbeebies Radio <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>
Listening activities for the younger ones.

Nature Detectives <https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>
A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

British Council <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>
Resources for English language learning

Oxford Owl for Home <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>
Lots of free resources for Primary age

Geography Games <https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Blue Peter Badges <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>
If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

The Artful Parent <https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>
Good, free art activities

Red Ted Art <https://www.redtedart.com>
Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree <https://theimaginationtree.com>
Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Toy Theater <https://toytheater.com/>
Educational online games

DK Find Out <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktnmpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>
Activities and quizzes

Twinkl <https://www.twinkl.co.uk>
This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures. Go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and use the code UKTWINKLHELPS to access the free resources.

Scholastic <http://www.scholastic.com/learnathome>
Up to 3 hours of exciting learning experiences per day

2. In the event that we have to close for 2 weeks due to COVID-19 we have prepared a small revision pack of activities for each of the children in Y1-7 (Nursery have not received any work to complete). **PLEASE KEEP THIS PACK AND USE IT DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED. FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO WERE ABSENT TODAY PACKS ARE NAMED AND AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE FRONT FOYER.**

The pack includes;

- 10 numeracy activities
- 10 literacy activities
- Spellings for 2 weeks (Y3-7)
- Mental Arithmetic for 2 weeks (Y4-7)
- We haven't sent home a specific reading book but would encourage you to read a range of genres with your children based on the Reading Bingo sheet provided.

Allow the children to complete the activities each day over the period of the 2 weeks and mark it with the children. The activities are intended as a support. They are by no means compulsory and do not need to be returned to school when we re-open.

3. After the initial two week closure and in the event that school is closed for a longer period of time teachers will begin to upload daily activities to Seesaw. **A brand new code for children accessing their Seesaw account is included in the revision pack of activities.**

Please follow any advice issued by the government and Public Health Agency. At a time when it is possible to see an, 'every man for himself attitude' I believe it is in working together that we can defeat this virus. It is so tempting to only think about ourselves, I would encourage you to reflect on and apply WPS core values (which are based on the word SHINE) to those around you in the local community. Let us all work together to **SHARE, HELP, INCLUDE, NURTURE & EXCEL.**

I will use text message and Seesaw as a means of being in contact with you. If you need to contact school or have a query please use the email address, info@whiteheadps.whitehead.ni.sch.uk which I will access on a daily basis.

Keep safe & SHINE!!

Mr Loughins