

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents

Today we are sending every child home with an exercise book (not children in year R). If your child does not bring home an exercise book today, they will bring one home tomorrow. This book is to be used for any work that your children do whilst at home should we be told to close (further books may well follow as the week progresses).

I must stress that I have no inside information as to whether we are closing or not. We are simply looking into ways in which we can continue to support you at home so that the children's learning continues.

Within each exercise book should be a tailored (to year groups) sixteen activities grid that you can use at home with the children. If it is not in the book then it will be available on your child's year page.

I have told all staff to look for resources which are easy for you to access from home. The first port of call will always be your year page as staff will be able to upload activities direct to the website. I have also given year team's access to Tucasi so that they are able to send emails, should they wish to, pointing out where the resources are located for that day.

I have heard that some schools will be potentially asking staff to upload online video lessons. We will not be doing that for a number of reasons (technology regularly fails; some children would never access it; behaviour management is impossible). To quote a fellow headteacher that I read online, 'it is a terrible, terrible idea that will end in nothing but wasted time for every person involved – from parents to teachers to children).

In the event of school closing, we will continue to do whatever we can to ensure that the children are able to access work from home. For those of you that are already at home I would ask you to check the year group page for work updates.

If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



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