



Dear Parents/Carers,

With concerns over how the coronavirus outbreak might impact on schools and on your child's learning, we wanted to reassure you that, whilst we are still planning on keeping our school open wherever safe and possible, we are also making preparations and provision to help children access learning at school and at home.

We would also like to offer parents/carers some ideas to help you continue their education during any potential school closures or self/ household isolation as appreciate that keeping children engaged in their learning whilst at home may not always be easy! We have therefore tried to prepare content for your child that can be completed both independently and/or with adult support.

Online learning packs -

Please find information and links on the attached Home Learning Pack Page. These are tailored to each year group and will also be available shortly on our website at <https://www.halfwaynurseryinfantschool.org/>

If school does need to be closed at any point for a length of time, staff will also be able to refresh these to keep learning up to date and relevant for the children.

Learning platforms -

In addition to the learning packs, you will also have also received your child's learning platform log-ins for the following sites that are specifically tailored to the curriculum we offer in school -

- PurpleMash (Whole School)
- Bug Club (F2, Y1 and Y2) These resources have been selected and matched for your individual child
- Times Tables Rock Stars (Year One and Year Two)

For further independent learning and games, there are also more resources out there that are free to access at home, including –

- www.twinkl.co.uk/offer You may create an account and use UKTWINKLHELPS when asked for the offer code
- www.kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk You may register for free under the parent access option



Parent Access (Beta)
£0.00 per member
Select options

Whilst we would like to use internet based learning as the main means of sharing this information with you as it easy to access, we appreciate this may not possible for some parents/carers. If you do not have internet access and therefore require a paper copy of the learning packs we have compiled, please see the school office who will arrange this for you.

Home Learning Routine

We also know that trying to organise each day at home may be a challenge to say the least and we are not suggesting that you not follow a 'normal' school day, but believe that developing a routine that works for your family will be useful and also support wellbeing. We know that this will work differently for different families, but please find an example of a daily timetable that you may like to follow below –

Time	Activity	Suggestions/ comments
Before 9am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make the bed, get washed/dressed
9:00 – 10:00am	Morning exercise/ helping around the house	You might begin the morning with a little exercise or active time. If fresh air if possible practically or safely, this could even be encouraging them to help out with active jobs around the house e.g. putting the washing away, clearing breakfast etc.
10:00 – 10:50am	Learning Time	Use the provided learning packs for English/Maths learning
10:50 – 11:00am	Snack time	Encourage eating of fruit and drinking water to hydrate and keep healthy
11:00 – 12:00pm	Creative time	Construction, Lego, drawing, painting, preparing lunch together, crafting etc.
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch time	Encourage healthy eating and limit sweets and sugary drinks – children will be much calmer during the afternoon if they have a healthy lunch and drink. Get active here too if possible.
1:00 – 1:30pm	Quiet time	This could include reading, relaxing, puzzles, gentle exercise (our children love children's yoga!), listening to music etc.
1:30 – 2:30pm	Learning time	Use our learning packs and online learning platforms for English/Maths learning
2:30 – 3:10pm	Personal interests/project time	Spend some time researching on the internet and in books an area of wider interest e.g. cars, sports, animals, dinosaurs – anything! Build up lots of information over the period of time they are at home and present it however they would like to!
3:10 – 3:30pm	Snack time	Enjoy a snack at the end of the 'school' day – a little healthy treat goes a long way at this time of the day!
3:30 – 7:00pm	Dinner time/ Free time	Encourage the children to play, be active, but also relax!
7:00 – 9:00pm	Bedtime	A regular bedtime routine is important – digital sunset/no devices well before bed and go to bed at the usual 'school night' time - this will really help when they are back in school.

We hope that these resources support you to help your child continue with their learning if they are at home at any point in the coming weeks. We know you will also have lots of lovely ideas to keep them engaged in learning too and look forward to the children sharing news about their home learning projects with us on their return. A big thank you to all members of the staff team for collecting these resources together 😊

Kind regards,
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Headteacher