



## Phoenix Primary School

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### RE: Covid-19 Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are all keeping yourselves safe and well at what I know is a difficult time. I hope that everyone is managing to keep themselves healthy and active, as well as making use of the many activities that are available for the children on our website. There has been a lot of supportive companies who have given us free access to their online resources to support families at home, so please do make sure you make the best of them during this time.

The school has been working hard behind the scenes and I want to say a very big thank you to all the parents/ carers who have given their signs of gratitude to our school staff. I would also like to echo the fantastic work that all the members of staff are undertaking at this time, especially when staff also have many barriers to overcome in their own personal lives. The commitment from all staff, despite these barriers, has been overwhelming.

The school will continue to support families in the best way we can during this time. I feel this letter is a good place to reinforce and provide further key messages that will continue to support you and your children at home:

- Please make sure you continue to follow the Government's advice regarding self-isolation and social distancing. First and foremost, it is imperative that children and adults should remain at home and only leave if it is absolutely necessary. This includes getting food or medicine, take daily exercise, helping a vulnerable person or going to and from work, where essential.
- Whilst at home, parents/ carers should try to establish a daily routine as best as possible. Try and structure days into manageable time slots and work together with your children to choose how they are going to be filled. With some focus and organisation at the start of each day, you'll be surprised how quickly the time can pass. Depending on your child's age or stage of development, a simple example that you could adapt could be:

9:00-10:00am	Maths Activities
10:00 – 11:00am	Topic work (see the website for some ideas)
11:00 – 11:30am	Physical Activity
11:30 – 12:30pm	Literacy Activities (spelling/ handwriting/ grammar)
12:30 – 1:30pm	Lunch – get the children to help
1:30 – 2:30pm	Art/ Craft/ Recipe Writing
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Story time/ Sharing a Book/ Creative Writing/ News Round

- The school is continuing to work with the Local Authority in order to provide additional support above what the school has in place already. The school is continuing to sort a way to provide families with food vouchers to support providing healthy meals to your children whilst they are at home. The school will be in touch soon with further information regarding this as soon as possible.
- It is also important that adults have a chance to keep their minds occupied at a time when you may find yourself with more spare time on your hands than usual. If this is the case, I recommend taking a chance to look at the following website:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

On this website, you will find an assortment of different courses that are free to adults (or children over the age of 13). This could be a great time to find a new interest or develop an existing skill you may already have. All you have to do is create a free account. The courses appear to be at different levels from beginners to experienced – so suitable for any adults who are willing to give it a try. This would also be an excellent opportunity to role-model to your children that learning is life-long.

The school will continue to update parents/ carers on an ongoing basis, as new information is established. Please also note that the school office is still open from 9:00am – 3:30pm for any urgent queries. However, please note that it is a reduced service at this time. Please also feel free to email the school office, should you need some assistance, and your email can be directed from there.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I am sending my best wishes to you at this time and hope that you are all keeping yourselves safe and well. We are very much thinking of you at this time and we are all looking forward to when this passes.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Assig  
Headteacher