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Dear parents,

Following the announcement that schools will be closing on Monday, we would like to share the following important information with you.

Your child's learning is important to us and we will continue to help your child. Best outcomes will be achieved if we work together and adopt a 3-phase approach for the period ahead:

- Phase 1: The next 2 weeks of learning time at home
- Phase 2: The Easter holidays
- Phase 3: The summer term

Phase 1:

I would like to emphasize that this is a 2-week period of learning. Exercise books, library books and reading books will be sent home today. The class teachers will be setting work via the communication methods given:

- Reception → Tapestry
- Year 1 and Year 2 → Google Classroom

In addition to this we are providing you with a **list of websites and online resources** that can support or enhance your child's learning. This will be emailed to you later today.

We suggest that the **first day** (Monday) is spent

- ⇒ Setting up a dedicated and suitable learning area **with** your child;
- ⇒ Agreeing a timetable **with** your child. Please ensure you include plenty of physical activity breaks and try to replicate the school day as much as possible. Templates will be provided.

Our children are proud to belong to their house team and we will continue to use House Points to celebrate effort. **House points** will be awarded for any completed and uploaded evidence on Google Classroom for Year 1 and Year 2 and Tapestry for Reception. The class teachers will keep a tally and add the House Points. We will communicate House point totals at regular intervals.



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Phase 2:

Easter Holidays is from 6th – 17th April. We will set an Easter holiday project as we would do normally. No further work will be set in this period.

Phase 3:

Due to the rapidly changing daily updates I am unable to comment on this phase at this time. I will of course keep you updated via our normal communication channels as soon as I have further information.

COMMUNICATION:

During this period, you will be able to contact the class teachers via email. Please use this **only** if you have technical difficulties or difficulties with the learning task.

- Year 1 and Year 2 can contact their teacher via Google Classroom
- Reception can contact their teachers via email at tapestry@dropmore.bucks.sch.uk

Please report any issues with Google Classroom to the class teacher.

For all other issues please email the school office at office@dropmore.bucks.sch.uk

We will endeavour to respond **within 1 working day**. Please do continue with other learning activities while you are waiting for a response on a current issue.

ONLINE SAFETY

It is important that we remind our children of the online safety rules in this period where we will all heavily rely on using the internet.

I would like to draw your attention to the [Thinkuknow](#) website for guidance and support with keeping children safe online. It also provides a link to an online safety resource for 4-7 year olds: 'Jessie & Friends', a series of three animations aimed to give 4-7 year olds knowledge, skills and confidence to help them respond safely to risks they may encounter online. Please do take the time to look at this and watch the applicable episodes with your child.

We will also include their **parent help sheet** for your information:

'Thinkuknow: keeping your child safe online while they are off school'

STAY AT HOME GUIDANCE FOR HOUSEHOLDS

There appears to be some confusion about the 14 day stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection. A clear description and visual illustration explaining how long you need to self-isolate can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

FURTHER COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Please continue to follow government guidelines while your child is not attending school. Latest guidance from the government can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Further information from Public Health England can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. We hope you stay healthy during this period and enjoy learning together. If there is anything I can help with please don't hesitate to contact me via email: headteacher@dropmore.bucks.sch.uk

We will miss your children!

Warm regards,

Mrs Streete & the Dropmore team