Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Bishop Carpenter Families

**Government Enforced Closure**

Public Health England have announced blanket closures of all schools, and we would like to inform you about how we will communicate with you and what work our teachers have set for the next two weeks leading up to the Easter holidays. **Please keep this letter somewhere safe so that you can refer back to it!**

**What work will be set for my child?**

We are setting a range of work which will be mainly accessed from the website or sent via parentmail. Year 6 and year 2 children will have some SATs papers, which they can complete at home. If you have informed us that your child does not have access to technology, then your child will be getting a ‘paper’ pack of activities. Each child has a green exercise book to complete work in, you won’t need to print off all of the home learning unless you want to and if you can contact us to print it off but you will need to come to school and collect it between 10 and 12.

Unless they are ill, we do expect that they complete work set, particularly in these last two weeks of term. We have signposted you to many extra activities, which you can complete in addition, should you wish to do so.

**Existing Online Learning**

* You are able to access Home Learning Packs (HLPs) for each year group via our website [www.bishopcarpenterschool.com](http://www.bishopcarpenterschool.com) (under the ‘Home Learning’ tab). Each pack contains resources to help with distance learning. There is also a guidance pack, including the answers.

Within these HLPs there are 3 levels, ‘developing’, ‘expected’ and ‘greater depth’ (D, E and GD indicated in a star shape) . If you are not sure which level to start at then try the developing activity first. Equally, if your child is finding the activities too difficult then have a look at the packs in the year group below.

Each HLP pack includes activities for Maths, SPAG and English.

* Also on our website is a link to an ‘innovate’ map which gives ideas linked to the themes each class have been studying this term.
* Year 6 and 2 children will also have SATS papers that have been sent home by Mrs Cooley and Miss Timms. Please ensure all completed SATS papers are brought back into school when we return.
* Also on the school website is a sample timetable (TT) that you could use at home.

Your child can continue to access existing online learning which they are accustomed to using already.

- Study Ladder [www.studyladder.com](http://www.studyladder.com) (identified children – they know who they are)

- Spelling www.spellingframe.co.uk

**What other work can I access at home?**

* White Rose Maths (this is the scheme we follow) https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/
* Online educational publishers, [Twinkl](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-schools), have offered parents free access to all its resources for a month to support continued learning at home. All you need to do is enter UKTWINKLHELPS to get started.
* For kids who love science, the [Children’s University of Manchester](https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/science/) website is an excellent interactive resource in which your child can browse a number of different science topics, which have a quiz at the end of each unit.
* Phonics - https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/
* [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) is an excellent online resource that provides students help with revision and learning. Here you will find a number of free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject on every subject for students aged from three to 16 and over.
* Go for some virtual tours around some museums in different parts of the world <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>
* Active Learning <https://www.teachactive.org/my-account/?code=ME2BG>

Please keep evidence of these completed activities (small green exercise book provided), as there will be rewards available from their class teacher for everything they complete!

**What if I need to contact my teacher/the school?**

Whilst we are closed, should you have any questions or queries, please email them to me. This is my school email address which I will be checking every day:

head.3302@bishop-carpenter.oxon.sch.uk

I will ensure that any queries are shared with the relevant teacher and will email you back as soon as I/they can.

Please do not send work through to be assessed or marked. We will look at completed work on our return to school.

Throughout the closure, the school will be following all government guidelines, and it would be helpful if you could avoid using this email for anything other than emergencies or queries relating to your child’s work.

**How will my school contact me?**

All communications will be made via parentmail, our website and our facebook page. I will only use the text service if an urgent message out is required. We will endeavour to keep you informed of every step we take, in line with the government guidelines.

As we know more about timeframes we will contact you. After the ‘Easter’ break we will review the Home Learning and share further information as to how we will continue.

We all know that this is a challenging and unprecedented situation and this decision was indeed inevitable. However, I would like to thank you all for your patience and support during this difficult period and add how proud I am of our school community for rallying together, particularly my staff at Bishop Carpenter.

Keep yourselves safe, occupied and cheerful as best as possible. I will be keeping in touch so please look out for parentmails.

Best wishes

Nichola Stevenson

Headteacher

 “Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support us, protect us, guard us and watch over us, lifting up all who are brought low, that we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.”