



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families have had a good Easter, although probably like no other that we have had before.

As tomorrow would normally be our first day of the term I wanted to update you about the children's Home Learning. We want to make this as easy and productive as possible for you and your children and with no clear end to self-distancing we want to make it manageable.

Home learning pages have been set up to support children and parents during school closure. Please visit the school website; *Home Learning* page located in the *Class Pages* section (<https://www.bapchildprimary.co.uk/home-learning-1/>).

Staff will be posting some lesson and activity ideas that you can use, if you wish. These will be **updated every week**. We understand that many of you will be trying to work from home and may not be able to devote all of your time towards your child's learning; please do not stress or feel guilty about this. What is important to us is that your children are safe and you are supporting them during this difficult time. Every one of us has, in one way or another, felt the worry and pressure the last few weeks have brought. Our children are no different. They may not understand exactly what is happening, but they know that it's strange and that their lives and routines have changed suddenly. The last thing we want is for these activities to become a battle that you have with your child(ren) each day or week.

That being said the staff will continue to provide opportunities and guidance each week. Remember, learning can take many different forms and doesn't need to be paper based activities, so alongside with the work being set by staff, try to encourage:

- A bit of reading every day (very important, visit the *Reading* section on the Home Learning page)
- Some independent writing now and then (this could be keeping a diary, making a comic strip or for older children an independent project on something they are interested in)
- Practical, hands on maths (cooking or using apps like Times Tables Rockstars)
- Some fine motor skills work (lego, cutting, playdough)
- Physical exercise every day (Joe Wicks every morning at 9 a.m.)
- Some art or music every so often (visit the *Music* section on the Home Learning page)
- If your children are younger, lots of opportunities for free, imaginative play
- Find time to worship at home (visit the *Worship at Home* section on the Home Learning page)
- Just as importantly, play, talk, sing, dance, make, create and get outside in the garden



We do still have pastoral support available to our families and we can easily phone you if you have a well-being or welfare concerns for you or your family. If you do have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email address headteacher@bapchild.kent.sch.uk and we will contact you back.

Finally, we just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding over the past few weeks. We are confident our staff, families and community will continue to support each other and we are absolutely certain that the children of Bapchild and Tonge will continue to thrive and flourish. We are all so looking forward to the day when we open our doors again and welcome you all back. In the meantime, we wish you all the very best, stay safe and please keep in contact.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Kelly
Headteacher