



Bapchild & Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all the positive conversations we have had with so many parents and your understanding and support whilst we prepare to close the school.

We understand that this is unprecedented times and has led to a huge amount of uncertainty. If we can open before the end of the academic year that is what we will aim to do.

The key statement from Government is that we should all be social distancing. The statement is clear:
'Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

From Monday, please visit the **class page** for your child on the school website www.bapchildprimary.co.uk to access some home learning guidance linked to the learning of the class. We are intending for children to access maths learning and activities through My Maths (www.mymaths.co.uk), Times Tables Rockstars (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school>) and White Rose (<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>). The school, as always, will encourage pupils to read every day and will make quizzing on Accelerated Reader available at home (<https://ukhosted27.renlearn.co.uk/2240835/>).

Furthermore, we will be directing you towards additional work via the online learning resource website Twinkl. If you would like to access Twinkl resources from today, please visit www.twinkl.co.uk/offer, sign up using your email address and put in the offer code UKTWINKLHELPS.

For those who have remained in school, we will also be sending a blank workbook home that children can use, if they wish, to complete and present work.

Teachers have worked hard to set tasks that would have happened over the next few weeks and it will be updated after the Easter break depending on the period of length that schools are advised to remain closed.

In the event that you **cannot access** the internet there are worksheet packs available to collect from the office as well as a master list of log in details should your child not have them.

Please remember to keep your child fit and active with an appropriate balance of learning and play while remaining within the government's guidelines.

For many of the children and families it is a scary and sad time and you may lead to tension in the household. We have spoken to the children about incorporating a simple act of worship to create calm and peace. If you do have any safeguarding concerns please do not hesitate to contact me on my school email address headteacher@bapchild.kent.sch.uk.

In worship today we talked with the children about a Celtic Blessing. The blessing talks about wishing someone well as they go on their journey.... that their journey will be an easy one. I have included at the end of this letter and hope that your families and friends remain safe and that we will see all of our children and families very soon.

‘May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.’

Yours sincerely

Mr C Kelly
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