



The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth Achieving Together for a Brighter Future

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your well wishes and kind words over the last few days. We certainly are in a strange and uncertain time. If we all pull together, support one another and follow the advice given we will get through this and back to our normal lives once again.

It was a very strange and difficult day on Friday as we said goodbye to the children. We were devastated to not be getting on with our work and supporting the children on a day-to-day basis. I know many of the children are feeling rather lost, missing their friends and staff.

We recognise that Friday could potentially be the last day for year 6 – which feels wrong and incredibly sad. We just want to reassure all of our year 6 pupils that should Friday be the last day of school; we will welcome you back to complete the end of year celebrations once we are able to go back to school. We do not want our families or ourselves to miss this important event.

Learning at Home

Teachers have been very busy over the last few days preparing work packs for the children, which should have all gone home. Teachers are also going to be regularly uploading work for the children to do via Google Drive for you to access.

I have asked teachers to communicate with you regularly via DOJO, where they will be uploading ideas, videos and signposting when they have uploaded further work for the children to complete. I have also asked them to send out a 'possible' timetable for you to follow by the end of the week should you feel the need for a structure.

Links to Online Learning

I appreciate that there have been a huge number of websites signposted on Social Media recently to support your child's learning – it can be quite overwhelming to know which ones to choose. I have outlined below the ones the school would particularly like to highlight/recommend to you. These links, alongside the work teachers are going to send out should be ample to be getting along with.

Reception and Key Stage 1

Phonics Play - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

This is a brilliant website for learning phonic sounds and completing early reading activities. They have ensured that you can login for free during this period.

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Maths

Time Table Rocks Stars – The children across the Federation have access to this fun site, it enables the children to learn and practise their times tables in a fun way. I will ensure the teachers send out the login details.

Mrs Lewis highly recommends you follow the lessons outlined through White Rose. There are videos to show the children methods, the resources are available and it teaches using our Maths Mastery approach.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

There is also going to be online Maths lessons taught in the Mastery Model by Gareth from I See Maths. He is going to upload a daily lesson with resources for Key Stage 2 and upload games and activities for Key Stage 1. I would highly recommend doing this. If you do this alone for your child's Maths learning, we would be delighted.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU9pxIPscPU&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.iseemaths.com/home-lessons/>

Reading

Please enjoy reading with your child! Remember that reading does not always mean reading fiction! We would be delighted if the children read some non-fiction, recipes, leaflets or anything! Look out for recommendations from the teachers and for the work they set you. Remember audio books are also highly recommended.

Physical Activity

Joe Wickes, an online fitness instructor is going to be leading a fitness regime for children at 9.00am on a daily basis via You Tube. I think this will be very useful for the children's health and wellbeing.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6r99N3kXME

www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1

Drawing

Lucie Thurman found a brilliant site teaching children to draw – why not try this!

<http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>

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Cyber Ambassadors

Please also find the link to some useful sites to teach the children about Internet Safety – which is all the more important at this time. Please do keep the children safe online.

Primary School activities <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/primaryambassador>

Cyber Choices <https://serocu.police.uk/champions/>

Safe4Me <https://www.safe4me.co.uk/>

Coding and Cyber games <https://serocu.police.uk/cyber-training/>

Help and Advice – I think it is important to signpost children and families to the safeguarding reporting websites and lines. Please find the telephone numbers and links below:

Childline 0800 1111

Click CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

Internet Watch Foundation <https://report.iwf.org.uk/en>

Addressing online safety as adults - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Free School Meals

We are going to be able to provide a service to our children in receipt of Free School Meals. It has been agreed with Caterlink that all children attending school over the next couple of weeks, that meet the Key Workers & EHCP criteria set out by the DfE, will be supplied with a hot meal option. For children eligible for FSM, packed lunches will be available to all students. This will either be collected by parents or a representative and will be available from the kitchen at Yarmouth. More details will follow in a message from Mrs Woodburn tomorrow.

Children attending school

Thank you for letting us know if you are a key worker and that your children need to come to school for some of the week, we have set out a clear timetable with all the children's names who have signed up so we can be within staff: pupil ratio.

Please may I remind all parents, **you should only send your child to school if you have to**, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home at any point in the week, you should. **#StayHomeSaveLives**

There will be a timetable of staff across the week to look after your child whilst they are in school.

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There will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team on site as the designated safeguarding lead for the day as well as a qualified teacher and support staff. I will be overseeing the provision.

Duty SLT

Monday - Mrs Grainger
Tuesday - Sarah Woodburn
Wednesday - Sylvia Smith
Thursday - Vikki Plumley
Friday - Sue Shynn

The care provision will be held at Yarmouth C.E. Primary school from 9.00am-3.00pm Monday to Friday although some of you have requested 'slots' within this time. We are going to be joining our Federation together in this unique circumstance.

We expect children to wear their school uniform and usual behaviour expectations will apply.

We will be providing the children with a range of supervised activities which may include art, maths games, writing and PE activities, although we will not be able to provide curriculum led lessons. Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit with them.

Please though only send the children in if you absolutely have to. It is essential we do all we can to keep as many people safe as possible.

I will in regular contact with families via DOJO.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing team of staff who work here at the federation. We are exceptionally lucky to have such dedicated, caring professionals working with our children. I am exceptionally proud to lead this team.

We understand that many of you are concerned and may have questions. We have set up an email address for you to email:

help@federationshalfleetyarmouth.co.uk

A member of the SLT will check this each day and respond accordingly.

Finally, please do look after yourselves and your families, listen to the Government advice and we will get through this together.

With warmest wishes and much love to the children,

Mrs Grainger and the federation team

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