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Dear Parents/Carers

Supporting our school community in continuing education

As you are aware, the government has now told schools to close to the majority of pupils from the end of the day on Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.

The government have asked schools to remain open for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers, but currently we are awaiting further guidance from the government as to exactly who will be classified as a key worker, so further information will follow on this when it is sent to us tomorrow. What we can already confirm at this stage, however, is that to maintain operational efficiency all provision for vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers will be based at the Hackbridge Corner site for those pupils who fall into these categories.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone and have made a list of educational activities that your children can access during this period of closure.

With this letter, your child will have received an activities grid for their year group of learning activities that their teachers have planned for the two weeks up until the Easter holidays.

Please stay informed by checking the school website, emails from the school, our school twitter account (@hackbridgerocks) and the class WhatsApp group.

The following learning activities have been collated by the staff for the children to recap and reinforce previous learning and keep their minds active over the coming weeks.

Websites/app subscriptions from the school that your child has access to:

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www.activelearnprimary.co.uk Bug Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
www.spellingshed.com/en-gb Spelling Shed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
vocab.pixl.org.uk/ PiXL vocab app		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
www.pobble365.com/ Pobble - a new picture is shared each day to provoke discussion, debate or writing ideas.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in Sum Dog - Maths games and challenges.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
app.mangahigh.com/en-gb/login/student Manga High - fun Maths games.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
play.trockstars.com/auth/school/student/55567 Times Tables Rock Stars - practice times tables.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
timestable.pixl.org.uk/Timestables.html PiXL Times Tables app		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Additional Home Learning Websites and Resources

Please find below a list of some additional websites offering free or trial periods of their resources at this time. None of these websites requires payment. Some sites require that you log in or create a free account to access them.

Exercise

www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/home – some videos are free – dances, workouts, fitness challenges.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrhI0v-w&safe=active – Joe Wicks has recorded various five-minute fitness activities aimed at primary school children.

www.gonoodle.com/ – online videos to keep children active inside, teach mindfulness and meditation.

General

www.hourofcode.com/uk/learn – coding activities for pupils of all ages.

www.doorwayonline.org.uk/ – interactive activities covering a range of subjects and year groups.

www.topmarks.co.uk/ – huge treasure trove of activities that cover a whole range of subjects.

www.twinkl.co.uk/ – a range of different subjects and focuses. Twinkl have offered free accounts as a result of school closures.

www.weareteachers.com/free-online-learning-resources/ – lots of specific links to different sites that offer free resources or learning platforms.

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize – huge range of different resources and information broken down into Key Stages and year groups.

www.tpet.co.uk/ – free online resource packs.

www.typingclub.com/ – online programme for teaching and developing touch typing.

www.groweatgift.com/2017/06/12/30-ways-to-get-creative-for-30-days-wild/ – different activity ideas that involve creating or engaging with different things in your house or garden.

English

www.spellingframe.co.uk/ – spelling activities with specialist resources for each year group.

www.subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/ – free digital download children's newspaper.

www.myths.e2bn.org/mythsandlegends/ – animated comic strips tracking legends and myths.

www.thereadingrealm.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Nature-and-Animal-Realm-1.pdf – reading activity pack.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/ – free online books.

www.new.phonicsplay.co.uk – phonics games – especially good for infant classes.

Science

www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/science/ – lots of science subject areas covered with resources specifically designed for primary age children. (Other subjects are also available on this site).

www.groweatgift.com/2017/06/14/30-ways-to-go-wild-with-science/ – lots of different and fun science activities you can do in the house or garden.



In addition to all of the above, your child can also do any of the remaining activities on their two home learning grids for this half-term which they have not yet completed.

Please also make use of the variety of learning information in your child's Home-School Contact Book (see pages 92 to the end of the book).

Everyone is encouraged to try to keep their body and brains active during periods of self-isolation and social distancing: try exercises from *Have an active break* (see sheet attached); reading; cooking; helping your child to learn how to tell the time; sewing; helping your child learn how to tie their shoelaces or keeping a diary.

Joe Wicks, "the body coach", has just announced that he will be the nation's PE teacher at 9am every day from Monday 23rd March 2020 on his YouTube channel – The Body Coach TV – which you can find via google or the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ> .

Parents/carers – it is just as important as ever for you to take care of your own wellbeing at this difficult time. Have a look at the Headspace website or app – they are offering a wide range of meditations and mindfulness resources for free during this global crisis. Find them at <https://www.headspace.com/>



Safeguarding

We will continue to monitor the school office inbox - office@hackbridgeprimary.sutton.sch.uk - throughout the period of closure. If you have any safeguarding or child protection concerns, please contact us immediately.

For immediate concerns, you can call the local authority's Children's First Contact Service on 020 8770 6001 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or call the out of hours or weekend duty team on 020 8770 5000. You can also email them at childrensfirstcontactservice@sutton.gov.uk



Please be assured that staff will be working with your children in mind throughout this difficult time. At this time, it is our intention to make telephone contact at least fortnightly with all those families that we will not be seeing in school over this period of closure – we see this as part of our duty of care to you all and so that your children know that their teachers are still thinking about them.

As we currently do not know how long the government's advice to remain closed will last for, we will advise you by the usual channels (school website, emails from the school, our school twitter account (<https://twitter.com/HackbridgeRocks>) and the class WhatsApp groups) as to the educational provision that we will make for the children after the Easter holiday.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

Emma Walford
Headteacher

Have an Active Break!

Complete a YouTube Yoga video.	Make a Scavenger/Treasure Hunt around your home.	Play Balloon Volleyball.	Play in the garden.	See what minibeasts you can find.	Find an interesting stone.	Make up your own dance routine.	Hold your own indoor Olympics.	Play Simon Says.
Find a GoNoodle video on YouTube.	Complete a Just Dance. (Can be found on YouTube.)	Act out your favourite film in your house.	Complete an imoves video. https://imoves.com/the-ovement	Make an obstacle/assault course with things you have.	Get Skipping!	Get Hula Hooping!	Step Aerobics using your stairs.	How many ways can you move around the room? Bear Crawls, Crab Walks
Play Charades.	Waterbottle Bowling.	Play Twister.	Explore BBC Supermovers.	Help Hoover the house.	Do some gardening.	How quickly can you tidy a room in your house?	Become a Superhero and find a sidekick!	How long can you hold a wall sit for?
Have a dance party.	Create a gymnastics routine.	Play some Frisbee.	How many headers can you do?	How many kick ups can you do?	Create your own exercise routine.	Make a GoNoodle account & explore.	Wash your adult's car.	Create your own show to show your family at the end of the day.
Do some Hopscotch.	Create your own version of the game 'It'.	Play hide and seek.	Act out your favourite movie.	Train like a Jedi with Change 4 Life.	Make your own den.	Copy a dance routine and film it.	Create your own game that involves moving.	Play a game of Flashlight Tag in the dark with a torch.

How many of these activities can you do over the break? Can you manage one a day?

Colour in or make a list of the ones you have done and bring it back to show your teacher when we come back to school!