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'To learn every day, to help each other and to be happy.'

Advice on learning at home

Dear parents and carers,

During these challenging and confusing times, it is important that you know that, as a school, we are always here to support you. With the imminent school closure for the majority of children, there is lots of information around about supporting your child at home with their learning. As with everything, too much information can be overwhelming so we have tried to create a simple list of things to consider.

To have fun and learn at home you could:

- Create some artwork. This could be painting, junk modelling or drama (to name a few!)
- Make music. You will be amazed the tunes children can get out of the most random household objects!
- Explore the environment around you. Whether that's your garden or your front room, there are a million things to find and talk about!
- Act out a show. In school, children love acting out different shows and situations in drama!
- Discuss Philosophy. We have some fantastic conversations about far reaching subjects, the importance of talk at school is incredibly high and we would love for this to continue at home.

We will be on hand to support you through every step of this. Learning is a fascinating and diverse world to be in and we are trying new approaches to engage children all of the time. Here are a few key points to remember as we continue to adapt to this situation together:

✦ You and your child will need to adjust to this new way of learning. Give yourself time to and don't just jump in full throttle.

✦ Don't imagine a child sitting for hours on end completing work. This isn't how your child's regular school day looks. You can think about a sensible amount of time that realistically you can achieve "formal" learning.

✦ Consider how much learning can come from playing a board game, making a cake, watching a documentary, conversations over dinner, crafting things together, reading a book etc. Not all learning is done writing or a screen!



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✦ You don't have to be an expert, learn things together and make sure you ask your child and help them to feel empowered if they can teach YOU something.

✦ Be flexible and don't force things, if it's not working then try a different approach or just ditch it all together for another day.

✦ Movement breaks and playtime are essential to burn off fidgety energy. Try short periods of work with big gaps in between.

Please contact us if you have any questions or queries, we are all in this together!

Mr Malyn