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Dear Parents/ Carers,

The current guidance in England is for schools to remain open however there are already local schools operating on partial closure due to staffing capacity issues. We are operating in unprecedented circumstances and it is prudent to have contingency plans in place in case of partial or whole school closure.

Day to day communication:

The school has remote access to the parent and student database SIMS, and can email parents to keep them updated. We will continue to operate school functions remotely and will keep parents updated through our website, emails and text messaging service. Please ensure that you check regularly.

This week we have trialled our remote working and our admin and finance teams have the capacity to respond to emails, process invoices, and manage banking functions.

In the event of a school closure, individual year groups have prepared home learning activities and resources for the pupils to complete whilst not attending school. The activities and resources have been selected to link to your child's prior learning and consolidate their understanding.

The school's expectation is that that your child completes the work that has been set and we would appreciate your support with this. Depending on the length of the closure, each year group will update their class page with additional learning activities to be completed.

In addition, there is a page under construction on the school website which will have home learning activities and resources for you to download. To support pupils during periods of school closure, many companies have provided parents with free access to educational materials. A list of these can be found below. Please note, you may need to register an account with the website to access the resources.

Please follow the instructions below to access your child's resources:

Visit the school website at: <http://www.earley-st-peters.wokingham.sch.uk/website>

Click the green Log-In button in the top right of the page.

Log in using the same log-in you have used to make parents' evening appointments.

Click on 'Classes' in the top banner to access your child's class page.

Useful Websites and Apps

Parents often ask us if we can recommend any websites or apps that will support and enhance their child's home-learning in the core subjects. Here are a few of our favourites:

Maths

- Primary Games - <http://www.primarygames.co.uk/> - lots of maths content in the form of games and challenges

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- Maths Zone - <http://www.mathszone.co.uk/> - games and activities covering mainly the KS2 curriculum
- Primary Games Arena - <http://www.primarygamesarena.com/Subjects/Maths> - plenty of games with a handy tick list to indicate appropriate year groups
- Primary Homework Help - <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/> - a range of games and investigations for different areas of maths
- Top Marks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games> - plenty of games for improving mental agility
- Crickweb - <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/> - resources and games on lots of different topics including word problems and statistics
- BBC Bitesize - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games> - useful for revision, particularly for Year 6.
- Doodle Maths – a downloadable app (with a monthly charge). It is a multi-awardwinning maths program that is proven to boost confidence and attainment in maths. It builds maths confidence in your child with a programme tailored to their strengths and weaknesses. Fully aligned to the national curriculum.

Times Tables:

- Teaching Tables - <http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/> - various games for practising times tables
- Robin Hood Doubles - <http://www.ictgames.com/rhoodbeyond10.html> - doubling up to and above 20

For our Mathematicians who enjoy a challenge: <http://www.potentialplusuk.org/>
<https://nrich.maths.org/7737> <http://www.nace.co.uk/>
[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/gifted and talented/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/gifted%20and%20talented/)

Spellings

Squeebles - Spelling Test by Squeebles is an app aimed at helping 5 to 11 year old children practise their spellings in a fun, motivating environment. It allows you to set up your own personalised spelling tests, as well as download from over 150 pre-recorded tests based on the UK national curriculum, containing over 1800 words.

Book Recommendations

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Please make sure your child has a quiet space to work in and we will endeavour to respond to any queries which should be sent to admin@earley-st-peters.wokingham.sch.uk. However, please note this will not be an immediate response.

Mental Health and Well Being

We are aware that children may feel anxious about the changes caused by coronavirus and the various restrictions that may need to be implemented. There are ways that together we should aim to support the children:

- ✓ Encourage the children to focus on the things that they CAN control like handwashing and mindful breathing exercises if they feel anxious
- ✓ Do our best not to sensationalise or over-dramatise this issue
- ✓ Steer children away from inappropriate social media coverage
- ✓ Share key information with the children if they ask and answer questions with known facts
- ✓ Not pass our own concerns or stresses to our children

Thank you for your continued support at this time it is very much appreciated and during any school closure, we will continue to operate as our school is at the heart of this community.

Yours sincerely

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