



Bedford Road Primary School

Believe and Achieve Together

Friday 20th March 2020

Government Enforced Closure

Public Health England have announced blanket closures of all schools, and we would like to inform you about how we will communicate with you and what work our teachers will set for the next two weeks leading up to the Easter holidays. **Please keep this letter somewhere safe so that you can refer back to it!**

What work will be set for my child?

At Bedford Road Primary the teachers are setting home learning via the school website www.bedfordroad.school. Home learning plans for next week are now available on the website under the curriculum tab. You will need to choose your child's year group. From Sunday 29th March, learning plans will be made available by late Sunday evening ready for Monday morning. Teacher videos will be uploaded to the VLE section of the website (under the children tab).

Online Learning

The teachers have ensured that your child has all of the relevant passwords in their reading diaries (just in case they forget!), and that every child has their diary when they leave school on the last day. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via Remind should you need help with any logins.

Your child is used to accessing these programmes on a weekly basis, unless they are ill, we do expect that they complete the work set. In this initial phase, the teachers will set work for the final two weeks of term, and we have signposted you to many extra activities, which you can complete in addition, should you wish to do so.

1. Mathematics – work will be set linked to the next two topics in our scheme of work. Please remind your child that each homework activity is linked to a set of lessons, so that if they need help, they can access it independently. If you would like to extend your child's learning, they can access any other lessons once they have logged in.
2. Times Table Rockstars / Numbots – This can be accessed anytime. The teachers will set the relevant times tables for your child to practise.
3. KS1 and KS2 – we would like children to carry on reading and children who access Bug Club and / or Accelerated Reader will be able to do so from home. Some classes will post comprehension activities online.
4. PurpleMash – teachers will set up English activities to complete. Children can then complete extra activities on their own if they wish to extend their learning.
5. There will also be creative curriculum activities to complete.

What can I do if they complete the work that is set?

- Online educational publishers, [Twinkl](#), have offered parents free access to all its resources for a month to support continued learning at home. All you need to do is enter UKTWINKLHELPS to get started.
- Parents should be able to access free Home Learning Packs for each primary year group. Each pack contains resources to help with distance learning:
 - EYFS 🖱️ <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/xrh0w>
 - KS1 🖱️ <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/qznc0>
 - KS2 🖱️ <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/1bm381>
- For kids who love science, the [Children's University of Manchester](#) website is an excellent interactive resource in which your child can browse a number of different science topics, which have a quiz at the end of each unit.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach> are excellent online resources that provides students help with revision and learning. Here you will find a number of free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject on every subject for students aged from three to 16 and over.
- For those of you who enjoy making crafts with your child at home, [Activity Village](#) is a great resource for ideas and templates to develop creativity at home.
- Go for some virtual tours around some museums in different parts of the world <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>
- Spelling Shed <https://www.spellingshed.com>
- Maths Shed <https://www.mathshed.com>
- Picture News <https://www.picture-news.co.uk>

What if I need to contact my teacher/the school?

Whilst we are closed, should you have any questions or queries, please email office@bedfordroad.school. This is the school email address, which will be checked every day. I will ensure that any queries are shared with the relevant teacher and someone will email you back as soon possible. You can also message via the Remind app during normal school hours. If you do not receive a reply, it is possible that the teacher may actually be unwell themselves, or be looking after a sick dependent. If you do not receive a reply, please use the email address as mentioned above.

Throughout the closure, the school will be following all government guidelines, and it would be helpful if you could avoid using this email for anything other than emergencies or queries relating to your child's work.

How will my school contact me?

Any letters that are sent out to you will go on the school website, and a post will be shared on 'Facebook', along with a text message. We will endeavour to keep you informed of every step we take, in line with the government guidelines.

We all know that this is a challenging and unprecedented situation – each school has to follow their own procedures, and I would like to thank you all for your patience and support during this difficult period!