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## How will school support HOME LEARNING?

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to explain how we will support you during this current school closure.

### **RECEPTION CHILDREN**

**For Key Worker and Vulnerable children IN SCHOOL class teachers will:**

- Continue to provide daily lessons and support

**For children engaging in HOME LEARNING class teachers will:**

- Provide three pre-recorded lessons per day (Phonics, Writing and Maths). These lessons will be accessed virtually through your Evidence Me App and will be differentiated to suit the needs of your child. The lessons can be viewed at any time during the day and can be revisited if needed.
- Encourage you to use the Parent Postcards on Evidence Me to share any home learning experiences with the teachers.
- Provide weekly phone calls and be available for feedback and questions by email.
- Change reading books every 2 weeks.

### **WORK PACKS FROM SCHOOL**

In addition to the personalised daily lessons you will receive on your Evidence Me App, we will send home a pack of work every fortnight. We will text you when the work pack is available for you to collect from school. Inside your pack will be:

- ✓ Your child's reading books
- ✓ Some **optional** stand-alone worksheet resources that you may want your child to complete to practise key skills (handwriting, phonics, number formation, etc).

**Children are encouraged to photograph any of the additional work that they do and upload this onto the 'Parent Postcard' section of the Evidence Me App. Your teachers can then comment back on the work completed.**

### **THE SCHOOL WEBSITE – HOME LEARNING TAB**

**Please look at the Home Learning tab on the school website for further information regarding Home Learning.** In addition to the work pack there are on-line lessons for each year group on the school website. You can find these by selecting the **HOME LEARNING** tab from the menu bar. When you click on this link you will see the following tab:

- Reception Home Learning
- Additional Resources



There is a link to high quality daily lessons from **Oak National Academy**. This has been funded by the DfE and uses the skills of experienced teachers and covers a wide range of subjects. It is very easy to use: there's no login or password, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home and a pencil and paper - our pupils can record the work completed in their Homework Book.

Each lesson is up to an hour-long (age dependent). Children are asked to pause the video to think, discuss and/or to complete the tasks. Children are invited to complete a quiz at the end of the lesson to check their understanding.

**These lessons can be used as OPTIONAL learning opportunities for your child. These activities are NOT compulsory for Reception children.**

**RE/PSHE LESSONS on OAK ACADEMY**

We encourage all children in Reception to take part in the Oak Academy RE/PSHE lessons as these are being taught in school during the Spring Term.

	<b>Complete in SPRING 1</b>	<b>Complete in SPRING 2</b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>Squeaky Clean – 6 lessons</b>	<b>A New Normal – 6 lessons</b>



Reception children can also access the Read Write Inc daily online lessons for additional learning opportunities. A link is on the school website – HOME LEARNING tab.

Again, these daily online lessons are **optional**, and can be in addition to the personalised phonics lessons that your teachers will be providing daily on the Evidence Me App.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR WHOLE SCHOOL**

There are some additional resources on the HOME LEARNING tab on the school website. Your child may also want to access some of these additional links in this section.

**Emails to contact teachers:**

Reception SM	Mrs Mayman	<a href="mailto:smayman@watertonacademytrust.org">smayman@watertonacademytrust.org</a>
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During a National Lockdown there will always be staff in the school office to answer your call. If a class bubble needs to self-isolate, your class teacher will also be isolating and unless they are ill themselves they will continue to support you from home.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support. I know that together we can get through whatever may happen, we will always continue to support our community and our school families.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Coyle  
Headteacher