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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is now moving on to the next phase of its Action Plan, which is to inform you of the things we have put in place for home-schooling.

Tomorrow, our last day, every child will receive a letter from their Class Teacher including information on extended home learning while the school is closed. This letter will also be sent home electronically via SIMsPay. This letter contains a number of activities, which the children can do without the use of an Internet-ready device. As we do not know how long the school closure will last, we have been working extremely hard this week to enable all children to access learning online. To facilitate this, we will be using **Google Classroom**. Every child has their own log-in, which is included in the letter. It is important to note, that for your child to log in to their Google Classroom, they will need to use the Chrome browser on your device/computer and log in using the details provided by staff. Older children have been regularly using Google Classroom in school so will be able to access the learning independently; younger children will need adult support. Every teacher has set learning on their Google Classroom and additional learning will be added in due time.

On Wednesday, we sent home a questionnaire to find out which children would be able to access online learning at home. For those families who have indicated that online learning would not be possible, or in the instance that we have not received a reply, we will be sending paper copies of current online learning. Information regarding the collection of packs for those who are currently isolating and have no access to the internet will be arranged for Monday 23rd March - we will be in touch with more information next week.

Each child will be given an exercise book and pencil to take home to complete their work in. We will also send home a blank timetable. We suggest that you take some time with your child(ren) to create a learning timetable together.

On Friday, school will send out an email address for each year group should you need to contact the teacher while the school is closed. We would appreciate your support and understanding of this access to teachers; please only send emails during the school hours of 9 am to 3.30 pm. The response time we are allowing is from the time of the email until the end of the school day the following day. We are relying on the goodwill of the parents/carers to be mindful of the demands on the teachers during this time whilst they juggle their school responsibilities and those of their own family.

In addition to learning from Class Teachers, Mr Ray will be adding learning activities to the school website on a regular basis as well as providing further links to learning opportunities, which may be appropriate for different age groups. Furthermore, Miss Cleveland will be adding wider reading opportunities to our Twitter account, which can also be found on our school website.

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The following questions were received through out parent survey, which was sent out on Wednesday. We have tried to answer your queries as best as we can:

I don't have access to a printer at home. Will this be a problem?
No. You will not need access to a printer. We will be uploading learning to Google Classroom. Each class teacher has created a Google Classroom and every child in that class is a member with their own username and password. This information will be sent home. Children will also be given a new blank exercise book in which to record their learning.
Will we be given guidance on where to look and what we should be teaching the children apart from what we will receive from school?
We have personalised learning for each year group to ensure a variety of learning challenges are set linked to the full curriculum.
Will we have access to any teachers to support any problems that we may encounter?
Yes. We have set up new emails: one for each year group. This information will be sent home. This will enable you to directly contact the relevant Class Teacher if needed.
What times will teachers be available?
Teachers will respond within the usual school-working-hours and we will endeavour to respond to emails by the end of the next working day. However, due to the ever-changing situation, please be patient if you do not receive a reply within this time frame. As we're sure you will understand, our teachers are also in this challenging situation and occasions may arise, which may mean they will be unable to reply by the end of the next working day. If, for whatever reason, a teacher may be incapacitated, Mrs MacDonald and Mr Ray also have access to every class email to provide additional support. All general school enquiries should be directed to the admin email as usual.
Will children work at their own pace or will they have to do work at certain times?
We will provide a blank timetable for you to fill in with your child. We understand that there will be a variety of different circumstances and different levels of support available at home. We recommend you take some time to create a timetable that works for you and your family.
Could we have more reading books sent home than usual?
Children will take home their usual school reading books. Reading is one of the most important factors in a successful education. We strongly encourage you to read regularly with your child during this period and there are many ways to support you in additional reading at home. We have plans this year to set up a scheme, which will enable children and parents to take books home for free and also to donate unwanted books to the scheme. Although this new initiative hasn't yet started, we will still put out a number of books on the bookshelf on the playground on Friday afternoon. Any child, parent or carer is welcome to help themselves to a book to keep. When Cannon Park re-opens, we will formally launch this scheme, which will give you an opportunity to donate any unwanted books. Members of Coventry Libraries can borrow free ebooks and free audiobooks, downloadable through the BorrowBox App. Joining the library is quick, simple and free; you just need one form of identification which confirms both your full name and current address. Further details can be found here: https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/126/libraries/3213/join_find_use/1



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Oxford Owl has a great range of ebooks and audiobooks for children from 3-11, with a great range of activities to complete too. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> For children in Years 3 to 6, they can log into Scholastic Learning Zone to access a range of books at their lexile level with quizzes. You can also sign up to Read Theory for free to complete comprehension activities <https://readtheory.org/>

For younger children, CBBeebies Bedtime Stories can be found on BBC iPlayer or YouTube, which is an easy way to keep listening to stories.

If you enjoy reviewing books, sign up to Toppsta, which is packed with children's book reviews and chances to win books before they are even in the shops! <https://toppsta.com/>. NosyCrow and ChickenHouseBooks both have great websites with previews of first chapters and information about their authors too.

Miss Cleveland will be tweeting links to any author 'read-alouds' and illustrator 'draw-alongs' on our school Twitter feed, so do keep checking the website for updates.

Both parents will be working full time from home. What support can you offer us to ensure our child(ren) is/are busy with learning?

To support you during this challenging time, we have set up the following:

- Personalised learning for each year group without the need for Internet access or access to a computer
- Every child is now a member of an online Google Classroom, which contains additional learning. Further learning will be added depending on the length of the closure.
- Additional learning challenges will be added to the website regularly.
- Every child will receive a blank timetable to guide their learning
- A new email address has been created for each year group

Starting today, classrooms will be cleared of personal possessions, PE kits, equipment etc so a carrier bag would be really useful for your child/children please!

We are still waiting for confirmation on who is defined as a 'key-worker' and those children whose parents are, will be able to come into school during school hours.

Cannon Park Primary will continue to act on all guidance received and will keep you informed as quickly as possible.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and co-operation in these challenging times, it really is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

V MacDonald

Mrs V. MacDonald



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Parent Guidance and support

We would recommend you look at the following sources of information to keep yourself informed of all the latest information and advice:

The Department for Education has established a helpline to answer questions about COVID19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Detailed information and advice for the public and returning travellers can be found on the NHS.uk website (and will be regularly updated): www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Further information for the public about the situation can be found here (and will be regularly updated): www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public.

Following simple steps remain the best ways of helping to protect yourself and others from all flulike viruses. They include:

Washing your hands often - with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Otherwise, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 70% alcohol

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin.

Catch it, Bin it, Kill it

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Please remember to follow all NHS, Public Health England and DfE guidance and be mindful of the measures that need to remain in place to adhere to the 'Social Distancing' strategy.