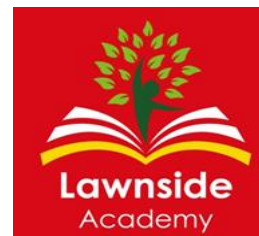


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Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to update you today regarding the current situation at Lawnside. Today, we have approximately 50 pupils off school; for a variety of reasons, including self-isolation. We also have a number of staff members off school; again, for a variety of reasons, including self-isolation.

In order to ensure the safety and continued education for all of your children, we have doubled up some classes today and distributed some children to other classes for periods of the day. This situation will not be changing tomorrow and we have therefore planned to double up classes again tomorrow and/or move staff around.

If schools close due to the coronavirus, they will need to provide learning materials that allow pupils to work at home. With this in mind, staff at Lawnside have been considering what this could look like in all year groups; from Early Years to Year 4. Below you will find a list of suggested learning activities:

1. Reading
2. Spelling Shed
3. Bug Club
4. Twinkl is offering every teacher in England access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. They're also extending this to every parent and carer in our school so your children can still have access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption. Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS
5. Purple Mash - Open ended tools, Spelling and Grammar, Maths, Cross Curricular project work 2Dos set by teachers
6. TTRockstars (Year 2 upwards)
7. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> online activities
8. Playing board games
9. Getting outside in the garden
10. Completing planned homework activities
11. Painting / craft activities
12. Writing a diary
13. Cooking / baking activities

14. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> educational activities and games / free eBook library for 3- to 11-year-olds
15. <https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html> have an Early Years, KS1 and KS2 Activity Book which you can download and print activities for all curriculum areas. PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL STAFF WILL NOT BE PRINTING A PACK OF WORK FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD.
16. www.discoveryeducation.co.uk - offer a wealth of flexible resources that can be adapted to many learning scenarios. Username: student4404 / Password: coding

Finally, we have taken the decision to cancel / postpone Year 3's visit to Stibbington, scheduled for Wednesday 1st April. We have not made a decision yet regarding re-scheduling this or re-imbursing parents / carers etc. however we will do so as soon as possible once we know what the ongoing situation is for schools.

Thank you for your understanding with this and, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with a member of staff. Please can we request, however, that parents / carers do not come into school for any conversations except through the main school reception entrance.

Yours sincerely and we will continue to keep you updated as any new information arises.



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