



DUDLEY HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

This period has been challenging for everyone and we hope you're all adjusting well in these difficult circumstances.

We wanted to get in touch with all our parents to let you know what has been happening and to let you know about our approach to home learning and what we're expecting from you and your children.

Over the last two weeks the school has remained open for children of critical workers who needed school provision. We started with five children but for the last three days have just had one child in school. Unfortunately, this was not sustainable. Alternative provision has been sourced for the part time place that was required. From now on we will be providing distance learning for all of the children.

I would like to say thank you to Mrs Beckett, Mrs Stukins, Mr Johnson and Miss Garner who have made this possible.

Our amazing staff have been working hard to make sure we can continue to provide education for your children.

- › Teachers provided each child with a pack of activities and resources to start them off on their home learning journey for the first two weeks and additional challenges and tasks have been set.
- › Children in class 2, 3 and 4 were shown how to use Sumdog and had computer logins issued to practice their math's skills at home.
- › Pupils in class 2, 3 and 4 have also been asked to complete a White Rose Math's lesson each day.
- › Mrs Johnson has sent out weekly singing activities for children in KS1&2.
- › Miss White and Mrs Johnson have been investigating potential learning sites for the children to use. Class 4 have been trialling Purple Mash for us with Miss White. It has a variety of educational games but also allows staff to set tasks, pupils to submit work, and teachers to provide feedback. Teachers will be sending out logins for all pupils and setting tasks on this after Easter.
- › There are other resources that we are finalising and teachers will send out logins and sites we suggest that children use after Easter.
- › After Easter staff will email parents tasks for their children to complete for the different areas of the curriculum as well as recommend sites to use to support learning.
- › Please be especially careful what other websites your child accesses at home as there will be people out there taking advantage of the fact that so many children may be online, potentially unsupervised whilst parents have to work.

- › Teachers are contactable by email. I know that Miss White has been in regular contact with pupils learning at home over the last two weeks answering any queries that they have had. Now that Mrs Stukins and Mrs Beckett are no longer teaching in school they will be able to offer the same level of support as Miss White.

- Class 1&2 -Mrs Beckett - arbeckett@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk (please note slight change)
- Class 3 - Mrs Stukins - tstukins@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk
- Class 4 - Miss White - vjwhite@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk
- - Mrs Johnson - headteacher@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk

› We have been working with our email host to try and stop staff emails going into your junk email folder. Hopefully this has been resolved. If not let Mrs Johnson know and she will try again.

Going forward with distance learning:

- › This will commence again after Easter on the 20th April.
- › We expect all children to complete tasks set and hand in work when asked, so that teachers can facilitate the best possible learning in these difficult circumstances.
- › Teachers will let you know whether they want you to submit work on Purple Mash, etc. or by sending a picture or scan by email. They have been monitoring who has been on Sumdog and how pupils are doing.
- › We expect children to study each school day and staff will set a variety of activities for each day.
- › We expect children to complete tasks assigned, but also take part in exercise, read for pleasure, create something, get some fresh air, do something for someone else, communicate with someone and have some fun.
- › Mrs Johnson will continue to send out weekly singing challenges and will also be sending out worship ideas. She has enjoyed seeing learning that has been sent though and hopes that you will continue sending these through. If you are happy for them to be shared on Facebook, let her know.
- › Over the Easter holidays, take a break, have some fun and enjoy a more relaxed time as a family.

We hope you can understand that we can't deliver the same sort of education we do when the school is fully open, but your children won't miss out by not being in school at the moment. Staff will continue working extremely hard to ensure we provide appropriate learning for your children during this turbulent period.

Please don't worry about your children getting behind with learning. Everyone's in the same boat, and when things get back to normal we'll make sure we get everyone back on track.

We'll continue to review how we deliver home learning and we'll let you know if we decide to change our approach.

If you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting your class teacher by email or by contacting Mrs Johnson either by email or on 07483 455 997.

If you're finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope, call [Family Lives](#) for free, confidential advice on **0808 800 2222**.

If you're worried about the safety of another child in our community, call the [NSPCC](#) on **0808 800 5000**. Or call the police on **999** if you think a child is in immediate danger.

We're extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from our school community. Stay safe and have a lovely Easter.

With kind regards,

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