



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with our plans for home learning during the closure.

Every child will take home a learning pack on Friday afternoon (this afternoon). As part of this pack there are books for daily reading and a number of children will have a class book too. Don't feel you have to do everything at once – we will be publishing a schedule of activities with instructions on a weekly basis. This will be available for every class babies to year 6!

We will be using the school website and the Google classrooms platforms to publish the work / suggested activities for the week. These activities will be uploaded by Sunday evening each week. You will find a link on the main page of the school website www.sirjohncassprimary.org

For each week, there is a list of self-directed activities such as mathletics and Duolingo and then there are daily tasks. The specific set activities are expected to take around 2 hours each day. See below for what you can expect to receive:

Childcare	Nursery	Reception	Y1-6
A physical development learning goal and 3 suggested activities.	A daily suggested activity linked to the different areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage.	1 daily English activity	Daily reading
A Personal, social and emotional development learning goal and 3 suggested activities.		1 daily maths activity	Daily English
A communication and language learning goal and 3 suggested activities.		1 daily activity relating to another area of learning	Daily maths
A couple of other fun suggested activities.		Art twice weekly	Art twice weekly
		A couple of other activity suggestions including songs and stories.	Weekly project (rotating science, history, geography, RE, PSHE)

Physical development is important, particularly as our children are going to be spending a lot of time indoors. Mr Pogson is busy putting together short workouts for the children that can be done in the living room. Feel free to join in with them too! If you need more activity, Joe Wicks – Bodycoach has 5 minute workouts for children on Youtube and he will be posting live workouts at 9am daily from Monday.

We will be welcoming children getting in touch with teachers during closure time and using the Google classroom or e-mailing staff with pictures of them doing activities (especially the youngest children) and with queries about tasks set or answers. It would be great if children could check in a couple of times a week via e-mail. This will help us to continue carrying out our safeguarding duty and making sure you are all well and safe. If you e-mail by 12.00 then teachers will aim to respond by 2.00pm. If you e-mail by 3.30pm teachers will aim to respond by 5.30pm. This is

during the week only. If a teacher takes longer to respond, please be patient – it might be that they are unwell or running our childcare. If you have a more complicated query, it might also take longer for a reply.

If we go for a while without hearing from you, we may call just to make sure you are all ok. These are nothing to worry about at all. These calls are likely to happen on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon.

Classteacher e-mails are as follows:

First initial surname@sirjohncassprimary.org

As parents, you may also have queries about learning tasks. Feel free to contact your child's classteacher via e-mail, the school office or myself. Please be aware that we might be receiving high numbers of e-mails but we will do our best to respond to you in a timely manner.

I know that a couple of parents have asked me about borrowing technology from school during the closure. Before I can say yes to this, we need to find out how many children we will be looking after in our childcare provision (so I can work out what might be spare). We should know this by Monday lunchtime so any requests should be received by e-mail to the office along with a reason, by 3.30pm on Monday and we will inform you of the outcome by Tuesday lunchtime.

My very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Allan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss A Allan

(Headteacher)