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Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you and your families well, healthy and safe at home. All of the school staff have been thinking of you all, of our pupils and families. They have been very busy planning behind the scenes, for the next stages of support for the children, in these unprecedented times.

We have begun collating a range of learning packs and links for our school website. Unfortunately, I had hoped to get this up this week, but our service provider has lost access to the school website. For the meantime, the teachers have included some links below to keep the children occupied at home. I will notify you all when the site is up and running.

At this stage I am fully aware of the pressures you as families must be facing and, I must emphasise, that although we are pulling materials together to support the pupils at home, **we do not expect you to follow the normal system of a school's structured day.**

Please use these materials as and when you can, to keep the pupils' learning ticking over, to keep the children busy and focused and please do more if you want to. But in the following week towards the Easter holidays, if you can, please remember also to play board games together, learn about different insects in the garden, read books, bake cakes, teach the children how to garden, how to sew, learn new skills, **be a family**. It is vital that you give yourselves the space and time to digest the sudden changes that have taken place and particularly for the children, who are processing what has happened.

The BBC has a page for tips on how to occupy your children at home:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/five-ways-to-keep-your-kids-learning-at-home/z4966v4>

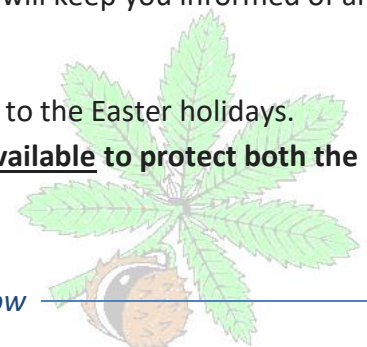
I am equally conscious that many parents are working at home and need a more structured regime to the day. I am conscious of the fact that some families do not have internet access, or only have one laptop which may be being prioritised by a parent who needs it for work. We will try our best to help everyone we can going forward.

I have been liaising with the county and working with other Headteachers to work on the government's proposals for longer term provision beyond this week. I will keep you informed of any news from government, as I receive it.

We can be open to support **key worker's children and EHCP pupils** up to the Easter holidays.

Please note that this should be where no other child care option is available to protect both the

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children and the staff.

Please notify me as soon as possible if you need us on a particular day.

I hope the materials we have provided you with will be enough to support learning over the next few weeks. If you need more advice on learning, or any other matter, please don't hesitate to contact me headteacher@brabourne.kent.sch.uk.

Our thoughts continue to be with our key worker families who are working so incredibly hard for everyone at this time.

For the moment, please take care, send our love to the children, look after yourselves and I will be in touch again shortly.

Kind regards
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

RESOURCES FOR ALL CLASSES

GENERAL

The BBC has a range of tips and websites to help learning.

Ideas of occupying children at home: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/five-ways-to-keep-your-kids-learning-at-home/z4966v4>

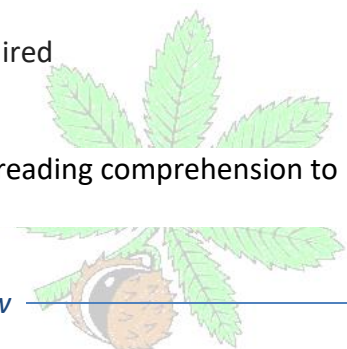
Videos and lessons for all subjects of the curriculum:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/primary/zd7p47h>

Live lessons from BBC teach: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons>

Primary online games <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Twinkl home learning has a whole day's schedule – membership is required
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub>

TTS have produced a free booklet. The booklet covers everything from reading comprehension to History skills.



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Cosmic kids yoga <https://www.cosmickids.com/> for a free 2 week trial or some free videos on YouTube Chanel Cosmic Kids

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

For a range of free games compatible with tablets.

<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html>

Kent Association of Headteachers links to all areas of learning

<https://kah.org.uk/covid19/resources/primary>

MATHS

In school we follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. They have produced a website with free lessons from Year R to Year 7. They include videos giving explanations and worksheets with answers.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-5/>

www.mathletics.co.uk Our school resource, passwords available.

PE

Joe Wicks has a live YouTube channel streaming daily <https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html>

Supermovers to get active: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

A You Tube site which aims to teach a PE session every day.

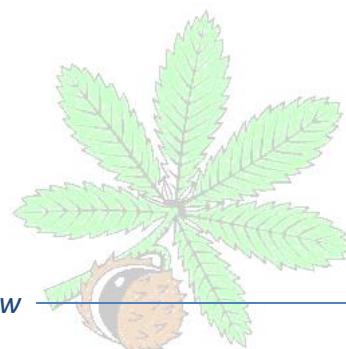
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6r99N3kXME>

ICT

Purple Mash www.purplemash.com/ Passwords available.

COOKING

BBC Food – teach your children how to cook:



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https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/learning_through_cooking

MARS AND VENUS

Oxford owl - free ebooks sorted by phonics phase or level <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>.
Follow the link for Oxford Owl at home and set up a free login.

Collins Big Cat - free ebooks for a range of levels <https://connect.collins.co.uk/School/Portal.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fschool%2fPrimary%2fBigCatBookShelf.aspx>

Click on Teacher log in and use the username Parents@harpercollins.co.uk and password Parents20! Then follow the link through to Collins Big Cat.

Phonics play website - all resources are now free and work on desktop or tablet <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
Login using username march20 and password home.

The app "Teach Your Monster to Read" is highly recommended for early phonics work and is currently free.

