



# Rushen Primary School

Learning and Growing



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Good morning. I hope you are well.

Our Distance Learning Plans and support can be found on our website. Please do not worry about learning from home. Do what you can. We know some parents are working from home in full time jobs and appreciate that you won't be able to support your child with their learning all the time/during the day, for example. Your child may be able to watch the BBC programmes planned for the mornings, if you wish, as these require less adult support for younger pupils. It doesn't matter when you support your child, they can look at some of the activities later in the day. Use the Distance Learning Plans much like last time. Some families may not have devices to access the internet at all times. I will be sending home a letter about devices later today.

We have sent home and added numerous documents and links to the website and the support from the first lockdown is still relevant. Please take time to click and read.

Please note:

1. Our core offer are the Distance Learning Plans to be found on the school website – you will see the tabs when you look at the homepage. Please read the 'Distance Learning Protocol' for RPS on the school website.
2. The Distance Learning plans include links to video lessons from websites including Oak National Academy (Online Classroom - Nearly 10,000 free video lessons, resources and activities, covering most subjects, from Reception to Year 11), White Rose Maths, BBC etc. In addition to the links specified each week in the Distance Learning Plans, you might want to explore these sites yourself and dip in if you would like alternative options.
3. After the first 2 weeks of Distance Learning Plans (which were pre-prepared in preparation for a future lockdown), we will be reverting to linking the plans to this term's learning and curriculum. Our Curriculum overviews will be sent home as usual, once they are ready.
4. We will also be communicating with pupils via Microsoft Teams when teachers are available. Teachers may not reply straight away as we are not using this as a 'chat' format. The posts should be questions asked by pupils about their learning from the week's Distance Learning Plan for occasions when the child might feel 'stuck' or unsure. Please monitor what your child posts on their class channel and remember that everyone in the group can see all posts. Teachers may be available at 9am and in the afternoon, pending other commitments.
5. We have had a significant increase in the number of parents requesting their child attend the Hub from the previous school closure. Please ensure you have checked all other possible alternatives for child care before you request a place. So as to meet Government guidance for safety in the Hub, the places are limited and we must keep the numbers of adults and children in the building to a minimum.

6. Teachers are also required to staff the Hub provision as well as plan for Distance Learning, setting assignments, providing feedback and managing the TEAMS platform for their own class. The weekly take time to plan so that they are good quality and are linked to learning objectives, our curriculum and that the activities are suitable for home learning. Some staff may also not be available to work due to health reasons (for personal reasons and Covid related reasons, etc). As the number of cases increase, so will the numbers of people being asked to self isolate and these could be teachers or members of the support staff.
7. Teachers will also be telephoning some families to discuss specific issues and contacting vulnerable families and pupils. When staff are overseeing the Hub, they may call families at some point on that day, but will be unable to make calls from home. This means that they will only be able to call when they are in the school building.

I hope you are all well and taking care of each other,

Ms Owens