



Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we have been officially advised to close from the end of tomorrow, from Monday we will provide home learning opportunities where the expectation is the children will complete at least 3 hours of directed learning per day, as well as daily reading, spelling and basic maths facts.

### School closure/home learning:

- By 9am Monday to Friday, each class will have daily learning tasks added to Purple Mash for your child to complete online. The children are familiar with this learning platform as we use it in school normally.
- In line with our usual daily safeguarding/attendance procedures, Mr Butterworth will monitor your daily interaction with Purple Mash and any children who have not logged in by 10:00am will be contacted by our office team.
- Between 10:00-12:00 and 1:30-2:30 (Monday – Friday), staff will be available to communicate with you via Class Dojo (for Junior children) or class emails (for Infant children and Juniors without Class Dojo).
- Alongside this letter, you have been provided with an exercise book, a pencil and other learning resources. Juniors also have a reading comprehension book - teachers will direct which pages to complete via Class Dojo or email.
- A list of recommended websites that the children can access is provided at the end of this letter.
- Further learning support is being developed between the Government and the BBC. When we have more information, we will update you via email.

Here is a list of email addresses that you should use to contact teachers during the closure period:

Miss Dyson	ddclass@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mrs Cotterill & Miss Knighton	jcclass@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Miss Neville	cnclass@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Miss Moody	nmclass@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Miss Sisson & Mrs House	tsclass@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mrs Collier	bcclass@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Miss Flint	class1@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mr Dickson	class2@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mrs Barrett	class3@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Miss Doncaster	class4@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mr Handy	class5@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mrs Clarke	class6@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Mrs Mullett & Miss Bentley	class7@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Miss Stephenson	class8@pvacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Jan Pierce

Deputy Head Teacher: Mr Adam Butterworth Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Jess Knighton & Miss Mel Bentley

To begin with, staff will be having daily communication about how these systems are working and we will be adapting and changing based on your constructive feedback. During the period of closure, communication is only by email and/or Class Dojo. **Do not use Facebook or Twitter to contact us as this will not be monitored.**

**Tomorrow we will be sending a letter about who we will be open to from Monday, as a safe environment to support learning. This limited group of children from all three schools will be cared for on the Kirkstead site.**

We know these will be testing times for everyone: staff, children, families and the wider community. However, if we keep working together and supporting each other in true PVA fashion I am confident that we will get through this while keeping the best interests of the whole of Pinxton community at the forefront. This is new to everyone so please keep talking to us so we can try to overcome any issues.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Jan Pierce  
Executive Head Teacher

### **Websites to support home learning**

#### **General**

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/> - General educational resources free to parents

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/) - All subjects

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01b8f09> - All subjects

#### **Physical Activity/ Yoga**

<https://www.cosmickids.com/> - Free yoga activities

<https://www.gonoodle.com/> - Free physical activities

#### **English**

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - Free digital books

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - Phonics activities

#### **Maths**

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) - Maths games

#### **Art**

[kids.tate.org.uk/games](http://kids.tate.org.uk/games) - Art games

#### **Global Awareness**

<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/education> - Oxfam education

#### **History**

<https://www.historyforkids.net/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories>

#### **PSHE**

<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/subjects/pshe>

#### **eSafety**

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

<http://www.safeynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

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