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Dear Parents

Firstly, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your efforts to facilitate learning at home. Including the Easter holiday, most children have now been off for a period of 6 weeks and teachers know from their own experiences that it is not easy to juggle work, childcare and home-learning and it is really tough to maintain morale and motivation throughout.

At present, despite media conjecture, we do not know when or how schools will reopen but at all levels of leadership, both nationally and locally, we are considering what plans we may need to put in place to mitigate risk. As soon as we have any official information from the Department of Education, we will consult with parents on the plans but in the meantime, we are going to continue to provide accessible and (hopefully) engaging home learning.



Home Learning Packs

- This time the packs are intended to cover the three weeks up to half term:
 - There is a generic **VE Day** activity sheet with a range of resources and websites to help pupils reflect and commemorate this national occasion.
 - The class home learning packs are all based on the theme of **Journeys**. Although we are confined to our local area at the moment, we can develop our map reading / drawing skills on our daily walks. Equally, we can learn about the wider world through the wealth of virtual tours that are available. You could virtually visit a city or country, ride a virtual train, take in the sights on Google maps or drop into a museum or landmark without having to suffer jet lag or wait in endless queues!
 - There are atlases in school which are available to borrow and lots and lots of online resources. One of my family favourites is the book, 'Maps' by Aleksandra Mizielinska and Daniel Mizielin
- We hope the topics and suggested activities give you some ideas and structure but please also be guided by your child's interests. If they are particularly engaged in one aspect of the topic, then please feel free to explore this further rather than stick rigidly to the tasks in the pack – they will learn so much more (and it is so much more rewarding) if they are engaged and motivated.
- If you would like the packs or any of the **recommended online resources** below printed, please send a message via Class Dojo or an email to head@swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk or the class teacher and we can organise this.



Recommended Online Resources

- 'White Rose Maths' <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> with video guides and powerpoints
- BBC Bitesize – daily lessons: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
- Downloadable workbooks in English and Maths with video guides and notes for parents: <https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources>



Supporting You and Your Child's Emotional and Mental Health and Well-being

This is a stressful and anxious time for families who may be trying to cope with multiple issues as a result of the current circumstances. There is help available. Please see the attached resources for support or access the links below for further guidance:

- Early Intervention Family Worker: Danielle Cousins - danielle.cousins@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 07770 701 869
- The government has issued guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:
 - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): an easy-read guide to looking after your feelings and your body](#)
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>
- Emotional literacy Support: <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/>



Support for Families

There is also support available for families who are finding their circumstances are difficult.

Free School Meals

Children may be eligible for **Free school meals** which will entitle families to receive a supermarket voucher as soon as the application has been processed. For more information go to the Cambridgeshire page and scroll down to check the eligibility criteria: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

Domestic Violence

<https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/> or call **0808 2000 247**

Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or call **0800 1111**

As always, we are here to support in whatever way we can so please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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