

Raysfield Infant School

Raysfield Junior School

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### HOME LEARNING

Dear Parents / Carers

During this time of school closure, we have been discussing what our new virtual Raysfield will look like. Wherever possible, we want to continue providing you and your family with our support including some form of home learning.

Good communication will continue to be at the heart of Raysfield and will be more important than ever during this time. We have considered options available and have decided that Class Dojo is the best platform for teachers to communicate with their pupils and for us to communicate with you. Therefore please ensure you have access to Class Dojo. (Please see below for further information)

Over the last two days we have had to change the entire way we will run as a school. As a result, we have created a short term 'Learning from Home' plan and in the event of schools remaining closed beyond Easter, we have created a longer term plan. There will be things that will work straight away in our new virtual Raysfield and there will be things we will need to change, especially as the government continue to update us on the ever-changing situation.

Wherever possible, we are determined that pupils will continue to access learning from home. However, we also appreciate that many of you will also be working from home and supporting other members of your family through this time. **Therefore our expectations will be that you choose what is manageable for your family and your circumstances.** There is no pressure.

## Raysfield Home Learning

### Short Term Plan (Term 4 23.03.20 – 30.04.20)

For the last two weeks of this term, we will email learning packs to all parents. The packs can be used over the two weeks and consist of the following:

**Activity pack:**

A curriculum focused independent learning pack

**Classroom Secrets Home Learning Pack:**

Maths and English activities

**Project Question:**

On your child's Class Dojo page, the class teacher will set a project question for your child with suggested websites and activities.

### **EASTER HOLIDAYS (06.04.20 – 17.04.20)**

During this time no home learning will be set.

### **Long Term Plan (Term 5 onwards)**

If we continue to remain shut, we will switch to a more detailed approach to home learning. We fully acknowledge that this will not replace the quality of learning your child receives at school, however our complete focus has been on creating a set of projects that all children can access to maximise their learning whilst at home.

This will consist of the following:

#### **Weekly Learning Document:**

- Tasks in the core subjects of maths, writing, reading and spelling.
- Learning projects with a different focus each week

#### **Project Question:**

On your child's Class Dojo page, the class teacher will set a project question for your child with suggested websites and activities.

**Weekly Learning will be updated every Monday by 9am**

As you would have probably seen, there are new 'home learning' packs, resources and ideas online for you to use with your children if you wish. This includes:

#### **PE WITH JOE**

Joe Wicks will be running a live PE session Monday – Friday at 9am on **The Body Coach TV** on YouTube

## **Communication**

All letters that are emailed to you regarding COVID- 19 will also be posted on our school website under the **news tab**.

### **Class Dojo:**

**Class Dojo will be the main form of communication for home learning.**

**Any official communication from the school will continued to be emailed to you.**

#### **Dojo Class Pages:**

- Teachers will post the 'Home Learning' on individual class pages by 9am every Monday
- Teachers will monitor and post messages on class pages three times per week
- Teachers will reply to messages regarding **home learning**. However, as I am sure you can appreciate, this will depend upon what is manageable

**Dojo Raysfield Federation Page:**

We will post school messages on the whole school page.

We are aware that there are some of you who aren't able to access the School Page on Class Dojo. Until we can rectify this problem, could those of you who have Facebook Class Pages share these messages on your group page so everyone receives our communications.

Please appreciate that our school still remains open for Key Workers and teachers are still working in school. Throughout this time, staff will also have to care and look after their own families who may also be ill at some point. Therefore, if a class teacher is not answering any messages or commenting on Class Dojo please be understanding.

We expect our Social Media policy and the Parent Code of Conduct to be adhered to regarding social media use which references our school. The policies can be found on our school website. Please also adhere to the following:

- Only comment on **home learning** on School Dojo
- Any other messages unrelated to home learning need to be emailed to the office at [office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk](mailto:office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk) . This will be checked daily.
- Please **do not** message the class teacher on Class Dojo
- Unless it is an emergency, please do not ring the school office. As you can appreciate they are very busy at this time and have limited capacity. You can contact via the office email [office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk](mailto:office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk)

**We will keep you updated.**

Thank you for your continued support. Your kind messages have really uplifted us at this time and maintained a really positive morale.

We look forward to seeing you at some point in the future.

Stay safe.

Claire Hill, Sarah Sheppard, Sarah Thomas & The Raysfield Team