

# Moorside Primary School

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## Home Learning Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope everyone is ok out there and people are starting to find a positive way through the challenges we face. Indeed, some people may have new found opportunities or discovered talents that they did not know they had!

Last week was challenging for all of us. You were thinking about how to juggle your working life, whilst trying to home educate your child; we were trying to run and maintain the school with a vastly reduced staff and creating resources for home learning at the same time. I would like to thank staff and parents for their support. As I mentioned last week, the resources and suggestions given so far were just to get people started and use up to the Easter holidays which start on 4<sup>th</sup> April. I think it is important that the Easter holiday weeks are recognised with the children, so **we** don't expect the children to be following their normal home learning routine.

### After Easter

Once the new term starts, we are going to provide much more focus and direction for parents and children. We plan to provide a key focus for different areas of the curriculum each week, with the emphasis in maths and English being for the children to practice skills and revise facts that help them achieve the key objectives for their year group. The emphasis will be on consolidation rather than new learning.

As we understand that it is hard juggling home life, your own work and home school your children, the learning tasks will be set on a weekly basis so that there is some flexibility for you for when your child actually does them. We think that having a routine is important, so we suggest that you set up a daily timetable that works for you.

### A timetable might be something like this:

#### Morning

9:00 Workout with Jo Wicks on You Tube

Maths

Break

English

Lunch

**Afternoon**

Topic/Research/Creativity

Exercise: walk, run, cycle

**Everyone's timetable will be different. Do what works in your house.** We would be interested to hear what people are doing so that we can share this and support others. Have a look at the school's Facebook page for what others are doing. It can be difficult to motivate children to work at home, but it is important as the closure could remain in place for a while.

We are aiming to make the home learning more interactive and allow greater flexibility in the way in which teachers can communicate. With this in mind, Year 4 are piloting an online platform in the next few days, which if successful, will be rolled out to the rest of the school. More information will follow about this.

**Phone call from your child's teacher**

By the end of the Easter holidays, your child's teacher will phone you for the parent/teacher consultation I promised. Given the current circumstances, they will also check if your family needs any other support and explain a little more about the weekly learning tasks we will be setting from after Easter.

As these times are unprecedented, many families might have problems with which they need support. If you want to talk to someone in school, we have set up a specific email address [wellbeing@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk) . If you email this address, someone from school will call you. In addition, a school mobile number is available in the school day is 07765046132.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone