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Home Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

For those children who will be at home from Monday, Home Learning resources will be available on a dedicated page on the school website (page to go live shortly). Pupils in school will be bringing home an age-appropriate pack of resources today.

If your child is not in school today, we will arrange delivery or collection of these materials. This may not be possible until early next week, so please be patient and access the online activities in the meantime. **We would like to clarify that no families or children should attempt to collect resources from school whilst their household remains in self-isolation.**

The teachers have been working hard behind the scenes to put together a programme of learning that is worthwhile, stimulating, enjoyable and realistic. We appreciate that, depending on age, there will be vastly differing levels of independence amongst our pupils and teachers have therefore given thought to providing as many activities as possible that children can undertake independently. We also understand that there will be differing attitudes to Home Learning amongst our pupils and, as with regular homework, are happy for you to use your own judgement when deciding how best to approach this unusual situation. However, teachers will aim to support in whatever way they can with encouragement and feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are having difficulties.

As this is obviously an unknown state of affairs for all of us, our approach to Home Learning is likely to evolve over the coming weeks. Some ideas will work effectively and some will need to be re-evaluated; we ask for your support and understanding during this process. Once we are up and running, we will constantly review our provision and attempt to enrich and improve it as much as possible, within the obvious constraints of staffing levels and technology. We encourage you to stay in contact with your child's class teacher throughout this time, but please remember that personalised contact with pupils and marking will not be possible in the same way.

We also encourage your children to maintain contact with the wider outside world, whether that is through emails/messages to their teachers, letters or phone calls to relatives or virtual contact with their fellow pupils (at parental discretion of course). This human interaction will be vital in the trying times ahead.

I wish you and your families all the best for the coming weeks and months and I can assure you that the staff at Chesterton will do all they can during this time to continue to provide the best education possible.

Kind regards, Mr Horner