

'Nurture Inspire Discover Create'



Stathern Primary School
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Dear parents, pupils and members of the community, welcome to our April newsletter.

Thank you for all you are doing to support your children as we continue to face the challenges and uncertainty of not knowing what the future holds. What has been most refreshing for me in my role is to go onto our class e-mail accounts and see some of the wonderful experiences that families are providing for their children. This is sometimes linked to the fantastic Home Learning that our teachers are working hard to provide but also sometimes straight from your own creative imaginations! So many of us are using this time to learn more about our own children and this can be both rewarding and challenging but hopefully a positive experience overall.

Please continue to use our website to support your child's learning. This week you will see a return to a more structured offer, along with links and guidance provided by the DfE which you can access as well. For me though, the most important aspect is the structuring of the day to support strong mental health and well-being. As our ethos suggests this is one of the key elements that needs to be in place for any kind of progression to take place – so it's vital that we do not underestimate the importance of taking time to talk, exercise and relax (alongside the focused lessons of course!) School remains open in support of the children of essential key workers and I would like to personally thank staff, parents and children for their commitment to the cause. If you have any concerns, queries or simply something you'd like to share then please get in touch with us via one of the e-mail addresses below. In the meantime we await the news as to when our schools will re-open and wish you the all the very best. *Mr Lee*

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Note: Please title any safe-guarding related e-mails 'safeguarding' and they will be handled by a trained DSL (Designated Safe-guarding Lead)

Home Learning

Thank you for sharing all the hard work you are doing at home. Some of it looks like it's a lot of fun too! You can share learning via the class emails overleaf (please let us know if you'd sooner not appear on the website).



On the 19th April, the DfE released guidance on helping primary school children continue their education during coronavirus. It gives advice to parents about structuring the day, using digital resources and recommended activities for different age groups. Two new online resources begin today (Monday 20th April), both supported by the DfE.

- BBC Bitesize online lessons for both secondary and primary pupils.
- The Oak National academy has online lessons for each year group up to Y10.

Structuring the Day - It recommends:

- get up and go to bed at the same time each day;
- have regular meal times;
- have regular breaks;
- make time to be active - children are used to regular play at lunch and break times.

Using Digital Devices

It recommends that parents 'set appropriate parental controls on any devices your child is using and supervise their use of websites and apps'. However, it goes on to recommend reducing screen time:

- use books and other printed materials that school has provided or that you have at home;
- write by hand –try asking them to complete work by hand, write a diary, a summary of things they have learned or done each day or 'to do' lists;
- be active and get away from the screen regularly and stop using digital devices at least an hour before bed.

Corona Virus Advice - Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.