

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **How your child will learn if the school has to be closed at any point**

As you are aware at some point, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it may be a necessity to close the school to ensure the well-being of the children, staff and school community. At that time school work will be sent home to you and your child will be able to continue their learning at home.

We appreciate this will be different for each family and that you will be managing your own family's needs, your own work commitments and any other demands on your time. This work will be a pack that can be used at a time convenient to you and your family so you can be as flexible as you need to be.

Some families will sit down at a set time and do some work with their children and then have a break before doing some more. Others will need to ask for help from relatives, childminders and friends if they are still going out to work and so we have tried to make the work something that can be flexible enough to be accessed at your home or elsewhere. You will manage the situation as convenient to yourselves and we do appreciate this means some weeks the work will be more possible to complete than in other weeks.

The teaching and learning arrangements will be as follows:

- 1) If we have to close. On that day your child will be given, by school, a **home workbook**, reading books and a library book. They will carry these home with them that day.
  - 2) You will be sent a **weekly home learning pack** prepared by your child's teacher. This will come to you in an email and be in a **zip folder** for you to open.
    - The folder will include a **'top sheet'** that will show you the tasks your child can do
    - There will be an instruction on this sheet about where to find the work to do.
- For example
- the task might be one that is on a sheet in the zip folder

- or it might be a lesson on Purple Mash
- or it might be found at another location, such as in a book or on an App (e.g. the Rock Stars Times Tables App for some older year groups)
- or it could be a practical task to be done at home.

The top sheet will also explain how your child will save or show their work e.g. in their work book, as a model or photo, or in a folder they can save work in.

We will plan for regular, ongoing core skills to do such as reading, handwriting, spellings, number work, as well as a series of learning activities to develop new knowledge and understanding

There will also be some ideas for activity tasks in case you have to remain inside or can only access a garden space if you have one.

#### Returning work

There will be information on the top sheet about how your child's teacher can monitor their work each week. There will be a year group email address to send work back and the date to send work back will be given on the top sheet. 'Workbook work' will be reviewed when we are back in school as currently we believe teachers will not have access to the school site to collect workbooks weekly.

#### Logging in from home

We are sending home over the next few days a **home 'log in' to Purple Mash** for you to check this week so you can be sure you can access Purple Mash from home.

**Please try to use this log in and contact the school office by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> if you cannot access Purple Mash from home.**

#### What to do now to help yourself prepare

- When you get the login check you can log in to Purple Mash
- Make back up plans for how you would manage your child care if school has to be closed at any point in the weeks ahead.
- Please watch for texts and the website banner for updates.
- Please inform the office by phone call if you do not have access to the internet as soon as possible so arrangements for your child can be made.

We really hope closing won't be necessary but want to give you as much information as we can at this point in time so you can plan ahead,

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher.