



Orleans Primary School

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Dear Orleans Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been enjoying using Google Classroom over the last few days, thank you for all the lovely comments we have received. As I have said previously, the teachers and support staff have been working incredibly hard to provide our pupils with interesting and fun work, which they can tackle at home. They really appreciate the kind words many of you have emailed in to us, or fed back to the Teaching Assistants during the phone calls. Hearing these positive comments helps the morale of everyone at our school.

We appreciate that every family circumstance at this time is very different and the demands of home schooling, working from home and supporting your family, impacts on what your expectation of home schooling may look like. As a school, we have carefully considered the amount of work set for pupils to ensure that it is manageable for both staff, pupils and parents. We have organised the home learning to set one task per day for English, Maths and a foundation subject. This structure allows parents to organise learning in a way which suits their family's needs, whilst keeping the children engaged and enthusiastic as if in school. We realise that some families may only be able to complete the English, Maths and foundation subject tasks, due to other family commitments.

If you would like additional learning opportunities for your child please refer to the Oak National Academy website, this has been funded by the Department for Education and details many other lessons, which would also help support your child. You could also access the wealth of live lessons being produced by the BBC Bitesize. Both other some fantastic resources, which we are sure your child will enjoy;

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/>

On Sunday, Boris Johnson is going to lay out the 'roadmap' of how the country will be moving out of the current lockdown situation. We will be listening closely to his announcement, which we have been informed is going to refer to schools and the Governments plans for reopening them. There has been much speculation about what this might look like. As in any school, once we receive clear confirmation of the Governments directions, we will then plan this for our school. The reopening of schools will bring mixed emotions for all members of our school community. Our aim will be to ensure everyone's safety, with this in mind we will need time to formulate a viable solution. We will therefore, not be publishing our plan until we have considered every aspect and how we can implement it within our school.

During the Easter break to boost team morale we embarked on a challenge! We wanted to bring a smile to everyone's face during this difficult time. As such we have produced a short film to entertain you all. We hope you enjoy it. A huge thanks to Mrs Bennett for organising this.

<https://youtu.be/-9bDhz2QA5c>

I hope you are all gearing up for our Bouncathon! It's going to be great fun!

Kind regards and keep safe

Jane Evans

Headteacher