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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, the Government has announced that all schools in England will be closing at the end of Friday 20th March 2020 for an undefined period of time as part of the action taken to tackle the Coronavirus outbreak.

At Three Peaks we have been working hard to prepare for this so that we can continue to support your children with their learning. Each year group has developed a learning pack to start the children off. Each pack has been put together by the staff in your child's year group team and covers, as a minimum Literacy and Maths work.

We have also ensured that children have access to some online learning platforms. Children in Years 1-6 have access to My Maths, TT Rockstars and Oxford Owl. My Maths covers a range of maths activities and allows teachers to set specific activities for the pupils to complete and also includes teaching support. As the school closure goes on the staff will continue to set new activities. Oxford Owl primarily has a range of reading activities. The children can access books from different age bands and read them online. Each book also has some comprehension based activities. The children are free to choose which books to read but during the closure, teachers may also direct a child to read a specific text.

As we will not have face to face contact with the children, we have set up a range of ways to stay in regular contact with them via online and text services.

For children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception), staff will be using the Tapestry app to share activities and collect information about what the children are doing. This year our parents have been really good at interacting with the school on this and we are excited to see this developing further during the school closure period. Year group email addresses are below:



Nursery - nursery@threepeaksacademy.org.uk

Reception - reception@threepeaksacademy.org.uk

For children in Years 1,2 and 3 additional activities to those in the paper pack will be posted on the school website. Miss Sandhu has established Year Group pages where staff will post new learning . The children will be able to send work to their teachers using the year group email addresses and teachers will be able to give feedback:

Year 1 - year1@threepeaksacademy.org.uk

Year 2 - year2@threepeaksacademy.org.uk

Year 3 - year 3 @threepeaksacademy.org.uk

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have access to Microsoft Teams. This package allows teachers, children and myself to communicate with each other using a monitored chat facility. It also allows the teacher to set files and quizzes that the children can work on and that the teacher can access and give feedback on. Details of these activities will also be posted on the school website as with Years 1,2 and 3 and children can submit work via their year group email addresses:

Year 4 - year 4 @ three peaks a cademy.org.uk

Year 5 - year 5 @ threepeaksacademy.org.uk

Year 6 - year6@threepeaksacademy.org.uk

If, during the school closure, you have any difficulties accessing any of these please contact your teacher in the first instance using the Year Group email address. If this is unsuccessful we can be contacted through the school social media pages or via Mr Bourton's email

richard.penn-bourton@threepeaksacademy.org.uk

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In addition to the platforms identified in this letter, we will be adding other websites the children can explore and use to the year group pages on our website, into MS Teams and Tapestry (where applicable) and on social media.



Staff at the school have a responsibility to be in regular contact with their pupils and this will be done through online methods and class teachers will be telephoning each child each week to see how they and if they can help with any work.

We appreciate that at times, there may be some technical issues using these online processes but we look forward to working together to give the children good and enjoyable learning experiences. It is important that we continue to work together and that we recognise the fact that the children are expected to carry on undertaking learning activities during school hours. Teachers will be available during these hours and will endeavour to respond as soon as is possible but please remember that the process of responding to different emails and posts will take some time.

Yours sincerely

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