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Dear Parents / Carers

Many thanks for your ongoing patience, kind words and support. We are being updated of changes by The Government hour by hour, so trying to ensure we pass on the correct information to you has been a challenge.

Government Enforced Closure

As you are aware Public Health England have announced blanket closures of all schools, and I would like to inform you about how we will communicate with you and what work our teachers will be setting. **Please keep this letter somewhere safe so that you can refer back to it.** School will continue to be open to children of parents who are key workers, children with an EHCP or specific needs as advised by The Government. Please call the office if you have any queries regarding this.

What work will be set for my child?

As you are aware from the previous letters and emails we have set up on line learning using 'Its Learning'. Please ensure that you login through Atomwide using your child's login details.

The screenshot shows the Harmondsworth Primary website login page on the left and a table of daily tasks on the right. The login page has a logo, the school name, and two buttons: 'Log in with Atomwide USO' and 'Log in with itslearning'. A note says 'A new window will appear if you are not already logged in'. The table on the right is titled 'Daily Tasks and Logins' and lists tasks for various subjects.

Daily Tasks and Logins	
If you are absent but feeling well	
Daily Plan-Year Two	
Daily Reading/Phonics	Recap on the ay sound using this link: https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/BuriedTreasure2.html
Daily Exercise	Do 10 star jumps, 10 sit ups and jog on the stop for 30 seconds. Repeat this 5 times.
Daily Maths	Complete the activity on fractions.
Daily English	Write a set of instructions on how to make toast.
Other Topic	Write a list of places you would not keep a plant.

The teachers will update this daily. We have sent a home learning book home to record the work your child has completed; we would like this returned to school when the pupils start back. If your child was not in school to receive a home learning book, please use your child's homework book.

We have been reassured by 'Its Learning' that the login issues and speed will be resolved by Monday 23rd March. If this is not the case, we will arrange for the work to be able to be accessed on school's website to access the daily tasks for your child:

<https://www.harmondsworthprimary.org/>

Please do not worry if your child cannot do a particular task, they will be updated daily and there are websites also available for your child to use. We do not expect you to print work, they can record as much as possible in their books.

What can I do if they complete the work that is set and they want to do more?

We have put links on the class pages to websites that we use in school and listed a range of resources available.

- Online educational publishers, [Twinkl](#), have offered parents free access to all its resources for a month to support continued learning at home. All you need to do is enter UKTWINKLHELPS to get started.
- Parents should be able to access free Home Learning Packs for each primary year group. Each pack contains resources to help with distance learning:
 - EYFS <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/xrh0w>
 - KS1 <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/qznc0>
 - KS2 <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/1bm381>
- For kids who love science, the [Children's University of Manchester](#) website is an excellent interactive resource in which your child can browse a number of different science topics, which have a quiz at the end of each unit.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) is an excellent online resource that provides students help with revision and learning. Here you will find a number of free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject for students aged from three to 16 and over.
- For those of you who enjoy making crafts with your child at home, [Activity Village](#) is a great resource for ideas and templates to develop creativity at home.
- Go for some virtual tours around some museums in different parts of the world <https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>
- Maths Shed <https://www.mathshed.com>
- Picture News <https://www.picture-news.co.uk>

If you cannot access the internet, as already requested, PLEASE let us know and we will organise paper based tasks that will need to be picked up from the office. Please email office@harmondsworth.org.uk with any issues you may have and we will get back to you. I will also be asking the teachers to call you once a week to check in with you all.

How will school contact me?

All letters will go on the school website and a post will be shared on 'Facebook', along with a text message. We will endeavour to keep you informed of every step we take, when we are able to, in line with the Government guidelines. I will also be asking the teachers to call each family, once a week to check in with you all.

How can I support my child?

We understand this can be a worrying time for pupils and parents and we would like to share the following advice:

- Please do keep to the facts of the situation by using reliable sources for information. This link is helpful <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- Please do keep children away from the social media coverage and news which can cause worry and panic
- Young Minds is a useful website. <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/>

This is an unprecedented situation for all of us and we will do our very best to react and pre-empt situations as they arise and keep you updated. Thank you for your ongoing support for the school and wider community. Please do keep safe and look after one another.

Warm Regards

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