

Monday 20th April 2020 - Issue 26

It is now a month since school closed for the vast majority of children. But here we are at the start of the summer term and week 3 of learning at home. We hope that you have had a good Easter.

Thank you for continuing to share what you have been doing, it is wonderful to see and hear from so many of the children and their families.

Starting again today, the teachers will be contacting families via Purple Mash and email. They will be posting activities each day and will be pleased to see the tasks the children are completing.

Remember there is no set expectation for the children to complete all the tasks that are set each day. We appreciate your support so please do not be concerned if your child does not complete them all or they find it a challenge some days. Every member of staff enjoys hearing from the children so please make sure you make contact at least once a week so we know you are safe and well.

You may find it useful to try to get back into some kind of routine. We have been a little worried to see that some children have been logging on to Purple Mash very late in the evening.

However if you need any extra help or support you can also contact COVID-19communityhelp@walsall.gov.uk

Our suggested plan is as follows:

Before 9.00am	WAKE UP	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed
9.00am – 10.00am	MORNING FRESH AIR	Time for Joe Wicks - I can do this on my own
10.00am – 11.00am		Log on to Purple Mash, check your daily tasks. What are you going to do today – an adult may need to help
11.00am – 12.00am	SCHOOL TIME	What can you do on your own, or with a little support from your adults, Sir Linkalot – spelling, BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons – I will do this on my own
12.00pm	LUNCH	
12.30pm	CHORE TIME	Help adults with tasks around the house, tidy your room, do the washing up, load the washing machine.
1.00pm – 2.30pm	QUIET TIME	Reading – which book are you enjoying? – I can do this on my own
2.30pm – 4.00pm	FAMILY TIME	Which creative task would you like to do today, send it to your teacher's email so they know what you have

		been up to – I will do this with my family
4.00pm – 5.00pm	FRESH AIR	Get outside in the garden or the park run around and let off some of that excess energy.
5.00pm – 6.00pm	DINNER	
6.00pm – 8.00pm	FREE TIME	Chill out time, xbox, social media, TV. Devices allowed
8.00pm	BEDTIME	Get ready for bed, read
9.00pm	BEDTIME	All devices off, lights off

In addition to the daily tasks set by the teacher, there are a range of activities that the children can access which they may be able to complete on their own

BBC Bitesize Daily Updates – The BBC will be starting lessons on Monday 20th April for children aged 3 – 11. You can access these on the website or via the red button on your TV. There are a range of activities for the children to learn about.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Sir Linkalot – This is a great free app which will support the older children with their spellings – again this can be done independently for just a few minutes each day

Carol Vorderman – The Maths Factor – Free to join. Her Maths lessons and resources are really useful – There is support for parents as well as the children.

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

Keeping Fit – Many of you have enjoyed the daily workouts with Joe Wicks, if you fancy a change why not try Oti's dance classes too

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHHnflR_5YTtP4g

Or try some relaxing yoga

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Duolingo – This is another free app which the children can use on their own to learn a new language.

Reading – There is a link to the children's newspaper – First News –

https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/04/FIRSTNEWS_721.pdf

which is published weekly (the last three digits update each week – 722, 723 etc). However, any reading is brilliant. Reading out loud, reading to teddies, reading to brothers and sisters recording themselves and sharing with a teacher or just quietly on their own engrossed in a book that they enjoy.

Talking – A conversation around the dinner table, a chat while you are having your daily exercise, or just sitting in the garden. Talking to each other is valuable and time well spent. This can be extended with writing messages to members of friends and family which you cannot go to visit, telephone conversations or visual messages via Facetime etc.

CHILDCARE PROVISION DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

This provision is for the children of critical workers. Each week we put an updated place request form on the school website

<https://www.chuckeryprimary.com/coronavirus-2020/>
this should be completed by 1:30pm each Thursday for places during the following week.

To help us ensure that we abide by the government guidelines in restricting the movement of people, could you please inform us if your child is not attending this provision that you have booked so that we can adjust staffing numbers.

For the latest information from the DFE please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

The school office is open from 8:30 am until 12 pm each day. Please contact school by email postbox@chuckery.walsall.sch.uk if you have any questions regarding this provision outside of these times.

Many parents have enquired about when we will reopen. As these times are so uncertain we have to wait until it is decided by the Government and these updates are given daily on the news. As soon as we have any information it will be passed on to you straight away.

Free School Meals (FSM)

All families that are eligible for FSM should now be receiving their vouchers directly from the Department of Education if you have opted for your vouchers by email. If we are posting vouchers out they will be sent to school first and we will send them out to you in the post as soon as we can.

There were many issues with the process to start with but, thanks to the perseverance of Miss Collins over the past 2 weeks we believe everyone who is entitled to will have received or will receive them very shortly.

For more information

<https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>

Because of the current situation more children may be entitled to free School. If during Coronavirus your circumstances have changed and your income has reduced, you may now be eligible.

Please see link below for more information, if you think it applies then you will need to apply directly via Walsall Council

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/free_school_meals

ONLINE SAFETY

As the main method of communication is through the internet, it is important to remind your children about staying safe online. There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

Houseparty In the current environment, many of us are using different ways to try and keep in touch with our friends and family. One app that has risen in popularity is Houseparty, which gained the no.1 spot on the app store after becoming one of the most downloaded apps since social isolation was introduced. Billed as a 'face to face social network' the platform launched in 2016 but isn't as widely known as Facebook, WhatsApp or Snapchat. For more information please see additional information attached.

As with all these forms of social media there is an age limit, please be aware of this and monitor your child to ensure they are safe.

Stay Safe and remember we are here to help.

LIVE (WHAT IS HOUSEPARTY?)
Houseparty is a free app that allows you to have a face-to-face video chat with up to 4 friends at once. It's like a virtual living room where you can see and hear everyone who's in the room. You can also share photos and videos. It's available on the App Store and Google Play.

LIVE (HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE USE IT?)
Each time you log in, you'll be asked to connect with friends who are also on the app. You can then join a group chat or start a new one. You can also share photos and videos. It's available on the App Store and Google Play.

13+ AGE RESTRICTION

What parents need to know about Houseparty

- "STRANGER DANGER"**
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- SEXUALISED MESSAGES**
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- CONTENT BEING SHARED**
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- CYBERBULLYING**
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- OVERSHARING PERSONAL INFORMATION**
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- IN-APP PURCHASES**
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LIVE **Top Tips for Parents**

- SAFER CONVERSATIONS**
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- PROTECT THEIR PRIVACY**
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- REMOVE LINKS TO OTHER APPS**
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- CHECK COMMUNICATIONS**
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- PROTECTING YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL FOOTPRINT**
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- LOCK ROOMS**
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- REPORTING AND BLOCKING**
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- BE PRESENT**
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A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
Email us at help@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 588 0061

SEE ALSO: LIVE TRAINING OVER FOR PARENTS