



Hester's Way Primary School Home Learning Offer

What has the Government asked schools to do?

From 23rd March, at the request of the Government, schools in England have been open as childcare settings for children of key workers and some vulnerable children. Schools have now been asked to put in place plans for some children to return to school

What learning have the children been doing during the Coronavirus 'closure' ?

Teachers initially prepared paper-based work packs for children to take home when we were asked to close to most pupils. During the school closure and lockdown we posted home-learning activities on our school website for classes and subject areas. This also included links to additional online educational resources covering various subjects and ages for example:-

- BBC Bitesize Daily - developed by the BBC to provide new lessons every weekday. Created in collaboration with teachers and educational experts, its videos and interactive activities cover core subjects and other topics on the school curriculum. Content is available for free on television, online and through BBC iPlayer.
- Oak National Academy - created by teachers from schools across England and providing the equivalent of 3 hours of lessons a day for primary school pupils across a variety of subjects, combining videos, quizzes and worksheets.

With 70% of families at Hester's Way Primary School now eligible for Pupil Premium, we realise that it has been difficult for some to access the Home Learning page on the school website and other websites, due to limited technology including computers, printers and access to broadband, particularly when more than one member of the family may need access to these for education or work purposes. With school being officially closed, and not wanting to put anyone at risk, we were not able to swap books due to possible transmission of the virus, or collect work and renew work packs.

What are we doing now?

Following feedback from parents that the paper copies were preferred, and now that lockdown measures are being eased, we can provide packs to be collected from school. Each pack will contain several weeks' work.

Packs will be available for all pupils, whether attending provision in school or accessing learning at home so that all children have access to the same learning. The packs have been prepared against the [Summer Term 6 Project Map](#), and are differentiated as appropriate.

How will my child access learning if my child is at home?

Home learning packs will be available for collection from school, at regular intervals. These are available for all children, even if they are in a year group that has been invited back to school.

The school website will also continue to provide suggestions for additional home learning activities. <https://hesterswayprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning/>

The Government has also provided a list of online home-learning sites:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

How will my child access learning if my child is at school?

As year groups begin to be invited back into school, they will begin to have some of their education in school, and some at home. They will be taught the first two days of the home learning pack in school, and will be given tasks to complete from the work packs for the 3 days that they are at home each week.

How will my child access learning if my child is at school in the Key Worker / Vulnerable group?

Some children have been attending school throughout the pandemic as part of the Key Worker / Vulnerable group, receiving childcare as requested by the government. As other year groups begin to be invited back into school, the children in this group will also begin to access the same learning activities as the other children in their year groups, from the home learning packs. These will be delivered in the Key Worker / Vulnerable bubble group.

What will the learning consist of?

The packs have been prepared against the [Summer Term 6 Project Map](#), and are differentiated as appropriate to match the children's needs. Each pack will include English, Maths, Phonics (Reception and Key Stage 1) and Theme / Foundation work. There will be a strong emphasis on PSHE / Well-being and re-establishing routines and relationships, particularly as children return to school.

Why are teachers not delivering lessons by video link online?

We are aware that many of our families have limited access to technology including computers, printers and access to broadband, particularly when more than one member of the family may need access. We are also mindful of issues surrounding staff privacy, as well as our over-riding priority of safeguarding. Taking into account all of these factors, and the feedback we have received from our parents, our Home Learning offer is via paper work packs and online links and activities via the Home Learning page on our website. Schools across Gloucestershire have made different decisions about their Home Learning offer based on what will work best for their own school communities.