



Home Learning Offer

Our Home Learning offer is to ensure that children can still access their learning, whilst:

- School is partially closed due to a National or Local lockdown
- Children are self-isolating, due to symptoms of Covid-19, awaiting a test for themselves or a member of the household
- Self-isolating as a "close contact"
- Attendance is authorised due to the child having extremely vulnerable shielding status (authorised by medical professionals)

We know that children need time to recuperate from being ill and they may not be well enough to complete school work. Home-learning should not put additional pressures on a child's well-being, or indeed the family. However, if they can, and during "lockdown" we would expect the children to take every opportunity to learn.

Our aim is that the pupils at our school have the opportunity to work at home on skills-based learning that they can practise and repeat, such as times-tables and spellings. Reading is very important and there are e-books that we have shared on our home learning page. We will try to send books home, as often as we can and quarantine them, as per government guidance, before re-issue.

During normal school open hours, teachers will be planning, teaching and assessing in class. We want to provide "blended learning" so that when children are absent from school, they do not miss out and can join in quickly with the planned learning journey. Whilst in "lockdown" teachers will be leading critical key worker and vulnerable pupil groups, planning and preparing home learning and keeping in touch with pupils through virtual meetings, phone calls and emails.

We will provide:

- Talk for Writing planned sequence and activities bespoke to the teachers plans with the current story being learnt in class or a Talk for Writing Booklet – a sequence of work based on the T4W process <https://www.talk4writing.com/home-school-units/>
- A White Rose Maths power-point with the relevant activities or a White Rose Maths Booklet – for the current unit/concept being taught in class <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
- The Oak Academy website, links and work for foundation subjects <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- Rock Stars Times Tables site for online times-tables learning and challenges <https://trockstars.com/>
- The Spelling Shed for children to learn age-related spellings – this is new to school and details will follow <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-us>

We are aware that IT and virtual learning can be a barrier. If a family have a laptop, a parent/carer may need to use it to work at home. There may be more than one child at home with limited technology and internet connection. The scenarios and situations are varied. Sometimes smart phones are used.

The links to the websites used will be shared for those who can access the online lessons. However, as previously requested by parents we will continue to offer paper packs. The demand for these may be high. We will do our utmost to have packs ready to go home with children leaving school due to illness. Whilst we understand that the family must self-isolate, we may have to ask that friends or family members collect packs from our school office/carpark area. During "lockdown" these will be collected with staggered collection times.

Any school books and work returned to school on the pupil's return, will be quarantined for at least 72 hours. Teaching staff will then look at and mark your child's work. We will keep this work as evidence of their learning this academic year.

Please email/respond and send your child's work via photos to your child's teacher via the home learning email addresses. If you are not receiving emails please contact admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk . We would ask that you keep work packs and school resources to be returned to school when requested.