



Dear Parents/ Carers,

School Closure

In line with government advice, we will be closing the school to most pupils at the end of the day on Friday. We recognise that these are uncertain times and that throughout this period, your child's education will remain a priority.

Throughout the school closure period, our teachers and staff will continue working and providing resources and learning tasks for children to complete at home. You will receive a letter from your year group outlining your child's learning in further detail.

As a school, all pupils have access to Mathletics and Bug Club. Your child has been provided with their login and passwords. If you are unsure of your child's log in details, please contact the school via email and we will send these to you. Our school code for Bug Club is **hkxh**.

Mathletics: <https://student.mathletics.com/primary#/launch>

Bug Club: <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

All our learning support resources can be accessed from our **Pupils Section** on the school website:

Pupils/Year Group:

<https://www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Group+Pages&pid=222>

Pupils/Learning-Zone:

<https://www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Learning+Zone&pid=29>

In addition to this, you may wish to make use of the following **useful websites that we use at school**:

Twinkl: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents>

Ruth Miskin: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Oxford Owl: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Other educational websites, not routinely used by the school, which you may wish to consider include:

- Maths Zone - <http://www.mathszone.co.uk>
- Primary Games Arena - <http://www.primarygamesarena.com>
- Primary Homework Help - <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk>
- Top Marks - www.topmarks.co.uk
- BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>



- Teaching Tables - www.teachingtables.co.uk/
- Love Reading 4 Kids - (great for finding your child's next read)
www.lovereadingleading4kids.co.uk/
- Book Trust - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

Mental Health and Well Being

We are aware that children may be feeling anxious about the changes to their daily routines as a result of coronavirus. Ways in which you can support your child with this include:

- Encouraging your child to focus on the things that they can control like handwashing or using mindful breathing exercises if they feel anxious.
- Trying your best to not to sensationalise or over-dramatise this issue. Steer your child away from any inappropriate social media coverage.
- Share key information with your child if they ask and answer questions with known facts.

Further support for mental health and wellbeing can be found at:

Mind - <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/information-for-parents/>

BBC - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799>

Please remember that even when the school is closed to pupils we are still here for you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you and your families the best in these uncertain times.

With best wishes,

Richard Ferris
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