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Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning during School Closure

During the coming weeks, it is a good opportunity to spend time together as a family. Playing games, reading together, craft activities and having fun together.

It is also important to talk with your children about what is happening and why. It is vital we try to reassure children and talk through any worries they may have.

The World Health Organisation have issued some guidance which you can find on https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/helping-children-cope-with-stress-print.pdf?sfvrsn=f3a063ff_2

Organising routines

Establishing and then maintaining a routine will be important but it need not be overly strict. Having a planned structure for each day will help everyone know what to expect and get ready for each day but this does not need to be followed precisely.

In the 'Home Learning' section of our website, you will find 'Guidance and support for parents'. This includes suggested timetables which you can adapt to meet the needs of your children and family situation, as well as visuals to support your daily routines.

Home Learning

One of the most useful activities you can do with your children is to read with them regularly. Listening to them read aloud, reading to them and talking about the text is crucial to developing their reading skills. You will find a 'Reading with Your Child' guide at <https://www.benjonson.towerhamlets.sch.uk/links/parents>.

Each year group will be regularly adding learning activities to the Ben Jonson 'Home Learning' section of the website. We know lots of parents have acquired notebooks, pencils and other basic stationary that children will need in order to complete many of the tasks. There will be English, science and foundation subject tasks. For maths, we encourage you to refer to the White Rose materials which include video tutorials, activities and answers organised by year groups. Links to this all can be found on the 'Home Learning' section of our website.

Please note, home learning will not be assessed by teachers and there is no requirement to hand this learning in on your child's return to school. However, we encourage you to talk



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with your children about how they found the activities and if possible, discuss the mistakes they may have made and can learn from.

Additional activities

As usual, we will also provide 'Family Homework' which will include lots of suggestions for activities to complete together as a family.

FrogPlay

This is a fantastic online resource for all year groups and has age-appropriate activities. The quizzes also score themselves so children can get feedback on how they are doing and attempt to improve their results.

In the 'Activities for the Whole School' section of 'Home Learning', there are lots of fun and engaging online applications for your children to try as well. We would recommend that these should be visited after children have already completed their learning as directed by their year group pages.

Times Table Rock Stars

Children in KS2 should continue to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12. Times Table Rock Stars is a brilliant website for them to practice on. The aim is for children to be able to consistently achieve 25/25 on the *Soundcheck* mode.

If your children do not have their login details for either Times Table Rock Stars or FrogPlay, please email the school admin@benjonson.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Sharing Home Learning

We would really love to see examples of the wonderful home learning experiences and activities taking place whilst school is closed to most.

Please email photographs of your children's learning to admin@benjonson.towerhamlets.sch.uk so we can see how you are all getting along. We may tweet this to our wider Ben Jonson community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

The Ben Jonson Team

