



# Worthington Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers and Pupils

## **School Update 8 – Morning**

Many thanks for your incredible efforts and determination regarding this period of home learning; we are all very aware of the challenges we face as families. Every positive experience we can have with our children right now is incredibly important and will make such a difference.

Please contact school if the work we have prepared for your child is proving difficult to access for any reason at all – school staff are here to help all of our children. Many online resources have been developed and these are a really engaging way to access learning – we know the vast majority of pupils love working on a computer.

Whilst at home with our children, it is still important to try to make our time together as fun as possible, remembering to find the learning opportunities in the little things – a walk in the fresh air can become a treasure hunt for spring bulbs, trees and birds, which in turn might become a rhyme, meal preparation can become a maths and science session, and any outdoor activity becomes physical development. If filling in worksheets is becoming a chore, there are many other ways to engage in learning.

As teachers, we understand that for all children, school is seen as a place to learn, and home is a place to relax. That is why we really don't expect any child to be sat for six hours in full concentration – none of us can do that in our own homes! It is always better to work for very short periods with agreed times for relaxation in between.

Please know that I, and all our staff, are incredibly grateful for the time taken and the effort made on your part to help your child right now. We are receiving incredible feedback from parents and pupils about the work taking place at home. Please, please, please keep going – we know it can be hard at times, but it is so very rewarding.

Many, many thanks.

## **Easter Activities**

If you're looking for additional things to do during the 'Easter Holidays', at a time when we really don't expect your child to be doing any school work, then why not try making an Easter bonnet/hat if your child is in Early Years or Key Stage One, and/or a decorated egg if your child is in Key Stage Two. We always hold this competition at school – a tradition going back to 1905. Why not give it a try and post your entry on your class Edmodo page. In this way, the hats and eggs can be shared with the class and we can award prizes virtually when we return after Easter.

## What Happens Next? – The Summer Term

At this moment, we really don't know how long school will be shut for, although we are remaining open for those children with key worker parents, those children with an Education, Health and Care Plan, and those children who have an assigned social worker.

If your child fits into one of the above categories, we will telephone you from 10 am on the morning of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, to establish whether you require a place at school from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April. This will enable us to correctly staff the school going forward but it will also enable us to establish whether we can restart our school dinner provision. At the moment, we have suspended the production of school dinners due to the very low number of children requiring this service.

For all other children, we shall remove the current list of work under year group headings on our school website on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April and replace with up to date work provided by the staff.

Please don't think you need to print out all of the information on our web pages – simply find some paper and ask your child to record their answers etc., on that. Ask them or help them to add a title on the top of the page – that way you will know which answers go with which worksheet.

Keep well and safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Searle', written in a cursive style.

Mr Searle