

25th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Things have begun to settle here at the academy in terms of numbers of children and available staff. I would like to thank all those parents who have worked with us to ensure that we can provide places for key worker families. This is dependent on us maintaining a safe ratio of staff to children and wouldn't be possible without everybody playing their part. This will particularly be so in the future, as the virus becomes more prevalent.

We appreciate how challenging it must be in your homes currently. With regard to home learning, the list of activities on the website was only meant to be a stop gap until we could offer a more thorough provision for you.

We have been working hard this week to get further support to you via the website. By the end of this week the Coronavirus/working at home part of the website will be updated with considerably more resources and guidance. Expect this to continue to develop over time.

Running parallel to this we are also establishing a virtual learning platform to be part of what we offer and this will come on stream as soon as possible.

There was some confusion over the packs to support home learning that we sent home at the end of last week. These included writing implements, exercise books to do work in and reading books. We did not send home activities or worksheets. The intention is that all learning will be posted on the website. Some of these packs are still available for collection. Please phone the office before coming to collect.

In order to run the academy at a minimum number of staff, we are now running the school office from 8.30 – 1.00. Any concerns or queries you may have, please contact the office on 01453 542304 or by email at admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk Nursery parents can contact Treetops on 01453 543712 or treetops@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

We have been working on organising meals for children eligible for free school meals. The office has been in contacted with those who are eligible and I am pleased to say that, with the help of volunteers organised by GL11, they will be delivered to you from tomorrow.

Can I remind you that we are posting our communications, Government guidance as well as children's work on our website, under Coronavirus. www.dursleycofeprimaryschool.org.uk/

I will be in touch again shortly and please take good care.

Best wishes

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