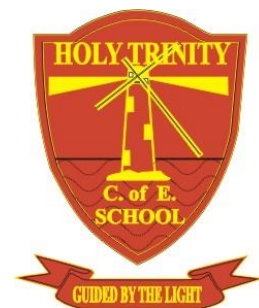


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Dear parents and carers,

Home Learning Update

As we come to the end of the first week of school closures (with the exception of emergency childcare provision for critical care workers), I know a number of you will have concerns, questions and queries regarding home learning.

Please carefully note the following:

1. You are **not** being asked to **home school** your child. We are experiencing an unprecedented emergency situation impacting the whole world.

Homeschooling in its purest form is a choice, where you the parents have now become your child's teacher. This choice would've been carefully considered, planned for and appropriately resourced.

Our home learning activities have been created to take away any pressure you may be feeling to Home School your child with a rigid and solely academic curriculum.

2. You are, and always have been, your child's primary educator. If you decide that your child isn't going to engage with anything sent home and is going to spend the entire period playing in the dirt, or baking, or watching TV, then that is your choice. That is your right. There is nothing to stress or feel guilty about.

Our home learning activities have been created to provide a wide range of engaging possibilities, including English and Mathematics skills, but also many creative suggestions and we actively encourage the learning of life skills such as cooking and gardening.

3. We have a responsibility to provide for all our pupils, and whilst many will have access to internet enabled devices, not all will.

Our home learning activities have been created to provide an alternative to internet based learning experiences to cater for all our pupils.

4. It is absolutely **not possible** to facilitate distance learning with a primary aged child and work from home at the same time. You can certainly have activities where your child learns, but your focus is your job, and staying safe.



Our home learning activities were created at short notice, with a diminishing number of staff, as self-isolation or shielding due to underlying medical conditions took effect. It is not possible to create a bespoke home learning programme for each child and it would add to your pressure at home to deliver it.

5. As we move towards Term 5, with the likelihood of reduced school provision continuing, we will update our home learning suggestions and refine our communication with parents and carers as more staff will be available to facilitate this.

We thank you for your continuing support at this rapidly changing and challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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