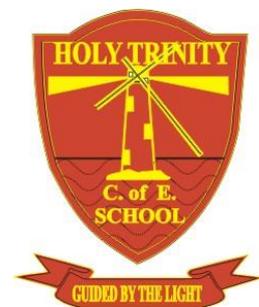


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Dear parents and carers,

### Term 5 Home Learning Update

As we begin a new term away from the routine and normality of attending school, we're able to update you regarding our ongoing, revised, home learning approach.

- 1) We reiterate that you are **not** being asked to **homeschool** your child.

The current situation is really challenging. It is challenging for different reasons for different people; many of you will be trying to balance distance learning and keeping your children occupied alongside the expectation that you will be working from home. We appreciate whatever you can manage to keep the children going until formal schooling resumes.

We are experiencing an unprecedented emergency situation impacting the whole world. **Every** child in the UK is experiencing distance learning, in some form, and your child **will not be unduly disadvantaged compared to others** when formal school resumes.

**Our home learning activities have been developed to take away any pressure you may be feeling to homeschool your child with a rigid, solely academic curriculum.**

- 2) We have a focus on the academic basics for distance learning: reading, writing, spelling/phonics and mathematics.

**Our home learning activities have been developed to provide fortnightly suggestions for a learning programme that will embed the foundations and secure skills that your child will use when they return to formal schooling once more.**

- 3) We understand that in these difficult times it is vital that your child/children have the opportunity to develop creative skills, to be children, learning through play and life experiences.

*"Children can't be expected to be able to study full-time with online resources. Similarly, parents - many of whom will also be working from home - cannot be expected to be supervising heavy school workloads for their children." National Education Union joint-general secretary Mary Boustad.*

***Alongside the core curriculum areas children can draw, paint, cook, garden and just play.***



- 4) Staff will be available to answer queries via e-mail, using specific year group e-mail addresses that will be sent along with the fortnightly work suggestions.

**As we move through Term 5, we will continue to provide fortnightly home learning suggestions, and will develop and refine this provision over time.**

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

Yours sincerely

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