



Home Learning Years 1-6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are still awaiting government clarification on the criteria for children attending school from Monday 23rd March 2020. However we know that a lot of our children will be at home for the foreseeable future, so we are sending the following information home today.

If your child is already at home, we will be sending this out via email over the next couple of days.

Purple Mash

Purple Mash is an online learning platform which all our children have access to. The password for this for your child and information about how to access this is being sent home today with children. Your child's teacher has set up tasks for your child, including maths, English and topic activities. The letter coming home explains how to see the To Do list. Teachers will add to this list over the coming weeks. There are many other activities that your child can access on Purple Mash

Gmail

All children have a school Gmail account. A letter is coming home today which gives their email address, password and their teacher's email address. We have spoken with the children that the purpose of having their teacher's email address is to communicate with them about any questions they have about learning. Teachers will also be able to communicate with children and more learning shared via Google Classroom (more details about this will follow in the ensuing weeks). Parents of younger children can communicate with teachers about specific questions their child may have about learning but we would ask parents to use the usual admin@bransgore.hants.sch.uk address for any other queries or communication.

These accounts are securely held and not accessible by anyone outside the school domain. Children are welcome to use this account for communicating with friends who also attend our school.

Useful Links

In addition to the above, we also recommend the following links for valuable resources to support learning at home

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents/extra-subjects-parents/school-closures-category-free-resources-parents> - Lots of activities for all subjects, for all year groups

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> - KS1 and KS2

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html> - Video clips with suggested writing activities

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> - free e-books for 3-11 year olds, maths games and much more

<https://uk.ixl.com/> - Maths and English resources for all ages

<https://www.bigeyedowl.co.uk/> - activities to keep your little ones busy and engaged KS1 and Foundation

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/> - Variety of subjects and activities for all age groups



<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> -

Lots of phonic games/colouring activities to consolidate their phonics KS1 and Foundation

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Password: home

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/> - activities & interactive stories linked to English for all age groups

<https://bpes.bp.com/resources/list/primary> - Science, Geography & DT activities/experiments to try at home

<http://www.ictgames.com/> - English and Maths games Year 1-3

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/#!/?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1>
– storybooks, games and quizzes for all ages

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/> - Great for non-fiction lovers!

Power Maths Books

We are sending home the two Power Maths books (A and B) which will show you the areas covered in Maths so far this year, which will be useful for you to see methods and strategies. Children can complete any incomplete tasks.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read widely and as much as possible. Copies of reading records can be found on the school website. Talking with your child about what they are reading is a great way of improving comprehension skills.

If you belong to a library, you can download the Borrowbox app which enables you to download library books. Both adult and children's books are available to borrow. <https://www.borrowbox.com/>

The RB Digital app is another app that can link to your library account – books and magazines are available to download and borrow. <https://rbdigital.com/>

Health

Looking after our physical and mental health will be vital over the coming weeks so here's a couple of links that should help with this -

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1> - Joe Wickes workouts for all the family

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mindfulness+for+children&safe=active

<https://homelearning.primarypepassport.co.uk/> - PE Passport home learning access

We hope that the above will be useful to you in the coming weeks if you are at home with your children. Stay safe and look after yourselves.

Mrs N Pollitt
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