



Church of the Ascension

C.E. Primary School

Dear parents,

This letter is designed to provide the necessary information to allow our children to continue their education at home over the period of school closure. Obviously, it is a very peculiar situation we find ourselves in, and, as teachers, we remain committed to doing our best for our pupils. The following is a series of suggestions; we are most definitely not suggesting that children have to complete everything. We are trying to point parents, and obviously children, to resources that might ensure that time away from everyone is not too boring or that exciting opportunities to learn are lost. We are looking forward to seeing wonderful projects and hearing what everyone has been up to...but we are not expecting folders of worksheets for us to mark!

We would recommend that children have some sort of timetable of activities each day. An hour of English activities and an hour of mathematics activities each morning will be similar to what happens at school. In the afternoon, we would recommend a topic, or project activity takes place. This could be a research type activity, an art project, cookery, gardening, craft, in fact anything that might enrich the experiences of our children. We would also recommend some sort of physical activity, from walking to finding a dance class online to jump around to.

With this in mind, we would stress that the basics are encouraged. Reading is an obvious skill to keep working on, and no doubt children have returned home armed with books to read. Equally, spelling is a traditional area where help at home is necessary. In maths, working on arithmetic and times tables appropriately are areas that as parents we are used to doing, and of course Mathematics is available as usual. Emphasis on these areas will make a difference, and ensure children continue to develop.

We will continue to provide internet links to sites through our facebook page, our twitter feed (@ChurAscen1) and on the school website. Obviously, we cannot test out every last resource, but we will only post links to sites that we trust.

Teachers have collected resources that can be used at home over the period of closure. We have used cloud based technology to save these documents, providing a safe and secure system for parents and children to access materials. The following instructions will hopefully provide access to our web-based secure site. As with all technologies, sometimes links and instructions do not work. If you experience problems, then please do not hesitate to contact me on my email address listed below. That is also the case if you have any other queries or problems in terms of educating our children over the period of school closure:

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Accessing cloud based resources using RM Unify

To access our account at home, children will need to access the following webpage:

<https://churascendudley.rmunify.com>

This opens up our RM unify portal page, a page that the children are familiar with from working at school.

Typing the following user name and password provides access to the desktop area.

User: pupil

Password: church

If you have difficulties getting to this frontpage, check that the log in page has @churascendudley in the right hand box next to the username space.

If not, try pupil@chur-ascen.dudley.sch.uk as the username.

You can save the passwords if you want, and stay logged in. This is a generic space, so please do not alter or delete anything.

Here, you will find links to some recommended sites such as Mathletics. The Purple Mash button should allow access to a wide range of resources we regularly use at school, from games to projects, and is well recommended.

Above those tiles, there is a button that says 'My Files'. Clicking this allows access to the onedrive account where teachers have saved resources for year groups to look at. You can download and print any of these resources.

Most of the folders are saved as zip folders. Clicking into them opens up the folder. Most of the resources here are pdf files. You can access them on the screen, or save for later, or print off to use at home, if you have that facility.

If you experience difficulties in accessing any of the resources, in any way, then please email me and I will try to help. If all else fails, I can email the resources directly to your email address.

Finally, we would love to find some positivity amongst all this upheaval! I would really like to hear from excited children (and parents!) about their successes over the next few weeks. Emailing tales of your experiences, photographs and pictures would be fantastic...I will then pass those on to our school community through the facebook and twitter pages.

We can do this!

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