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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone has managed to stay safe over the Easter holidays and found ways to enjoy themselves over the last two weeks. The threat posed by Covid-19 is having a huge impact for us all and we appreciate your support and understanding at this unprecedented time.

Later today you will receive a link directing you to new learning for your child / children that should be completed during next week. This email will stipulate which group's work you should access, as there are different packs for different children. You will receive core learning tasks for your children to complete in Reading, English and Maths. In addition, an activity bank will be provided for the children to select topic activities from, in a similar format to the topic homework sheets that you have previously received.

The expectation for the children from 20<sup>th</sup> April is that every day they complete one core learning task and one topic task, as well as read every day. Please consult the list sent before the Easter holidays for websites to access online reading.

We are acutely aware that getting children to complete learning at home can be challenging, and have taken the following measures to support:

- Activities are set deliberately to not require printing out. Although access will be through e-mail, for logistical reasons, the learning should be recorded in the exercise book sent home from school.
- Core activities have additional information to guide the children as to how they should complete this learning, including some modelling of the processes involved.
- There is an element of choice within activities so the children select and 'own' the learning.
- We have enabled access to e-mail through 'Purple Mash'. These emails will be checked regularly and responded to by your child's teacher (circumstances permitting).
- We will provide you with a knowledge overview for the topic that will support with the basis of information required for topic work.
- We will provide a summary of the learning completed at the end of each week.
- The office email remains open for any administrative questions.

Further websites to support your child's learning can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

This is a very testing time for everyone and I know that we are all under pressure from the strains of a lengthy lockdown. Please do continue to stay safe – I have attached some links to websites to support safety in the community should you need them. The ones related to e-safety are especially important for the children at a time when we are even more reliant on going online.

My very best wishes,

Mr Vernon  
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### Online Safety:

- [www.beinternetawesome.withgoogle/en\\_us/interland](http://www.beinternetawesome.withgoogle/en_us/interland) - a website setup by Google to engage children in being safe online through exploration.
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> - website offering games, videos and advice on staying safe online.

### Support with anxiety for children:

- [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) – stories, games and activities to support with a range of issues for children.
- [Youngminds.org.uk](http://Youngminds.org.uk) – information and advice on how to talk to your child about the coronavirus.
- Covibook – an interactive resource designed to support and reassure children aged 7 and under, designed to help children explain and draw the emotions that they might be experiencing during the pandemic: <https://www.mindheart.co/descargables>.
- <https://www.kooth.com/> - a provider of online mental health services for children, young people and adults.

### Support for mental health:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/> - links to all NHS services.
- [www.good-thinking.uk](http://www.good-thinking.uk) - a site for adults looking for resources to support their mental health and wellbeing.
- [Mind.org.uk](http://Mind.org.uk) – search “coronavirus” for strategies and support for mental health during this time
- <https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>.
- COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing – governmental advice and guidance.

### Keeping each other safe:

#### [www.dorset.police.uk/abuse-help](http://www.dorset.police.uk/abuse-help)

- 24 hour national domestic abuse helpline – 0808 2000 247
- 24 hour BCP Outreach Services – 01202 710 777
- Please also use [safeguarding@bayside-academy.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bayside-academy.co.uk) to reports any concerns about the safety and welfare of children within our community directly to us.

**Remember that we are still here to help. If you want someone to call you to support in any matter, please e-mail the school office email ([office@bayside-academy.co.uk](mailto:office@bayside-academy.co.uk)) and request a call back.**

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