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Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Yesterday the Government announced the closure of all schools except for pupils who were vulnerable (those with EHCP, social worker) or those who were the child of a 'key worker' (NHS staff, delivery drivers and emergency services).

We have a high number of staff self-isolating, ill or who have dependents therefore we will not be able to run as normal. However, we will run a reduced facility each day from 9.30 – 2 with a small number of pupils and staff. Lunches will be available each day. If your child receives Free School Meals, we will update you as soon as we know more about how to support you if your child is not in school.

We are fully supportive of any parent or carer who chooses to self-isolate. There will not be a penalty for staying away, and attendance will not be affected.

We are not able to run our bus service due to low staff numbers and the proximity of pupils and staff. Private taxi firms are still running as much as possible. Pupils, staff and our families are central to everything we do, and we are committed to ensuring we continue to support during this difficult time. We will remain in contact with you and your child and ensure their education continues.

We however need your support to ensure that your child continues to access education while at home.

1. Teachers will assign activities via email or using online subscriptions (e.g. Spelling Shed, Education City, Sum Dog, BKSb) wherever possible.
2. The school admin email address will be monitored, and emails forwarded to staff, all staff have a direct email, and mine is mparkes@brookfield.hereford.sch.uk if you have any worries or questions.

Please

- Support your child to complete 30 – 50 minutes of learning and then take a break.
- Support your child with the lesson / work that needs to be done and contact teachers if you have any questions or need any additional support.
- Ask your child what schoolwork they have accessed at the end of each day.
- Ensure your child accesses online learning wherever possible. This is accessible from a smart phone if you do not have a computer or tablet.
- Ask for help! Let us know if you need any support.

If your child is in Year 11/ 6 please tell them not to worry about exams or SATS. There will be no assessment or exams in this academic year. This is a national problem and is not just affecting our pupils.

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Attached to this letter is a selection of websites you can access at any time, in addition to the work set by teachers and some offline resources.

On our website we also have free e books for you to download and listen to – these will be changed each month.

Teachers and senior leaders will be available via their emails during the hours 8.30 – 4.30 and we are looking at the online delivery of lessons/ webinars.

I wish you all the best in these difficult times, please ring school if you have any worries or concerns or the emergency mobile is

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FREE online education resources

A non-exhaustive list that might help those affected by school closures due to coronavirus, compiled by home educators. Feel free to share.

Khan Academy
<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

BBC Learning
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

Futurelearn
<https://www.futurelearn.com>

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).

Seneca
<https://www.senecalearning.com>

For those revising at GCSE or A level. Tons of free revision content. Paid access to higher level material.

Openlearn
<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>

Free taster courses aimed at those considering Open University but everyone can access it. Adult level, but some e.g. nature and environment courses could well be of interest to young people.

Blockly
<https://blockly.games>

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch
<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>
Creative computer programming

Ted Ed
<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Duolingo
<https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

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Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course

<https://thecrashcourse.com>

You Tube videos on many subjects

Crash Course Kids

<https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

As above for a younger audience

Crest Awards

<https://www.crestawards.org>

Science awards you can complete from home.

iDEA Awards

<https://idea.org.uk>

Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

Paw Print Badges

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Tinkercad

<https://www.tinkercad.com>

All kinds of making.

Prodigy Maths

<https://www.prodigygame.com>

Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age.

Cbeebies Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Listening activities for the younger ones.

Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>



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British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>
Resources for English language learning

Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>
Lots of free resources for Primary age

Big History Project

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>
Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.

Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>
Geography gaming!

Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>
If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

The Artful Parent

<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>
Good, free art activities

Red Ted Art

<https://www.redtedart.com>
Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree

<https://theimaginationtree.com>
Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Toy Theater

<https://toytheater.com/>
Educational online games

DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSelTf4do6aPhff8A3tAktmpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>
Activities and quizzes

Twinkl

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>
This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.

Helplines CHILDLINE

You can talk to childline for free on 08001 111 or e mail <https://www.childline.org.uk>

No problem is too big or too small.

It is FREE, CONFIDENTIAL and AVAILABLE ANY TIME, DAY or NIGHT.

Parentline is a phone service for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years old.
08088002222

Parentline offers emotional support, information and guidance on ANY aspect of parenting and family life.

9am -9pm Monday - Friday

10am - 3pm Saturday and Sunday www.familylives.org.uk

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