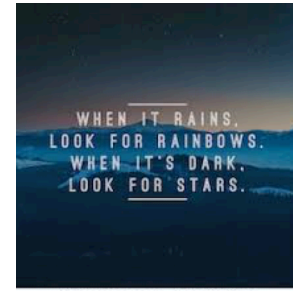


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UPDATED PARENTAL GUIDANCE

The government have updated their guidance for parents and carers in relation to school closures and this can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>. The sections at the end of the guidance relating to keeping children safe online and wellbeing may be of particular use.

In addition, guidance has been provided for parents and carers in relation to home learning. This can be accessed at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19> (Early Years) and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19> (main school).

Early Years parents may find the information on <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/> useful.

OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY

The government have launched the online Oak Hill Academy which is a high quality learning resource that you may find useful during this period. We have put a link to it on the website.

CAPTAIN TOM MOORE

Many of us have been inspired by the fundraising plight of Captain Tom Moore for the NHS over the past couple of weeks. What a difference one man can make! Please see some thought provoking resources relating to him to explore with your children in the home learning section of the website.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder that if the current situation has led to a change in circumstances for you and your family in relation to income, your child may become eligible for free school meals. The application form is on the website under 'Letters to Parents' if you think this may be the case.

Families of eligible pupils are currently being provided with food vouchers to use in supermarkets.

HELPING OUR CHILDREN TO UNDERSTAND

A high quality book for primary children has been produced to help them to understand the current situation that we are experiencing at an appropriate level. This can be downloaded for free at <https://axelscheffler.com/books-for-older-children/coronavirus>.

A selection of social stories has also been produced to support understanding and these can be found at <https://www.lgfl.net/covid19socialstories>.

WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER!

As a school we completely understand that all of our families are managing different circumstances right now and trying to juggle a wide variety of roles and responsibilities.

We are providing home learning resources as an offer; we understand that some will be using these more than others and that is absolutely fine. There is no expectation that every activity will be completed by every child, or that work will be presented in the same way by everyone – it is just there to support you if you need/want it.

We thank you enormously for trying your best and for keeping everyone as safe as possible. If you do need any support or have any questions relating to home learning, please don't hesitate to email head@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk. We are here to help in any way that we can.