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Well, I'm not sure that I can say welcome back to school for our summer term. We really hope you are all well and are managing. I am blessed with being able to change scenery every day with school and home. Please do let us know if you have any concerns or issues that you think we may be able to help with. We might be able to signpost you to services that could help you. Please do also call upon local volunteers (such as the Blythe Bridge Buddies – see our Facebook) if you need.

As you know, we look like we are closed for a further few weeks. It certainly didn't take a rocket scientist to see that these three weeks were coming and I'm not sure that we will see ourselves open before half term – but we will always comply with the government's directives.

## Communication:

- Class teachers and education communication should now be entirely via Class Dojo (EYFS may use Learning Journey). I can be reached at my usual address.
- Our website is incredibly slow. We have got people in to look at what is causing it but they can't find the answer. We are trying to set up a new site so for now, please don't rely on the school website. We have Facebook and Instagram (Nursery) and Class Dojo.
- Teachers are busy for many hours a day ensuring that they keep on top of what they provide you. I have asked them to make sure they do not reply to emails and communication outside school hours as I worry they may end up spending all day at the PC. Replies should come back within 24 hours.

## Teaching:

- I am hearing from teachers that parents are finding access to some resources difficult. Believe me we are equally frustrated with this. We might access a website via chrome only to find that link doesn't work when you try it on your tablet's safari. I am also hearing that sites are crashing as every child returns to school and tries to log on. These sites were simply not designed to cope with the amount of demand.
- We are providing parents with suggested learning. Please feel free to use other portals or resources as you see fit. There are so many wonderful resources out there and we would love to recommend them but you would end up bombarded and rightly irritated if we gave you 300 links to something.
- If one of our links doesn't work – try googling the topic and I'm sure you will find plenty of examples.
- We are actively encouraging children to do learning about the world around them and in a way that suits your family.

## Resources

- We recognise that your houses were not designed to resource teaching. For that reason we are providing you the opportunity to visit school to get resources. See below for more details. You should only combine this trip with your daily exercise, etc.

## Community

- Next week (W/B 27.4.20) I shall be putting a collection box just inside our pedestrian gate on the KSII playground. This is for anyone to donate food items which I will give to the nearest food bank (I will disinfect them etc). Should you wish to donate tins and so on, please do so as part of your daily exercise regime. This is obviously during school hours.
- If anyone has any ideas as to how we can help our community more, please contact me. We are currently talking to local nursing homes etc to see if the school can support in any way. More to follow.

Key workers and vulnerable children may continue to book places via the phone number provided. Please forgive me if the reply texts are short – the school mobile phone is from the ark.

## Resource Pick Up and Swap

We are open for you to come and swap books and pick up resources over the next week or so. We will stick to the social distancing procedures below:

- Limited times and numbers only (see below). One family member only.
- Queue at 2m distances.
- Disposable gloves (school will provide one glove each) to be worn when choosing books. That way you can look at them whilst you choose – but with one hand only as we don't have enough for two each.
- Boxes will be available for book returns. The outside of each book will be wiped down with disinfectant and then they will be untouched for 14+ days before being returned to class.

### Who can come

One person per family only please. The idea is to allow parents to come and choose a book to read at home with their children. This is not a trip for children to choose the books they want to read. This is just a way to refresh your book choices at home. So please don't come with children or as a family – **it's one person only**.

### What you will find

- The hall will have **limited** selection from the class library for each class. You can come in and return any books and pick up one or two books to take home.
- You will be able to pick up some exercise books and paper (limited amounts) for writing on
- You may be able to get pencils, coloured pencils and crayons to take home. Again, numbers will be limited.
- As I rummage around I may find other things to include (sharpeners, glue and the like).

### How it works:

The school will open from 08.00 to 16.00 on the following days. You come on the day & time which is determined by your oldest child's surname. Obviously you can get books for your younger children at the same time.

You come in through the main entrance and come into the hall. You may need to call the school mobile first to get in.

You don't bring anyone with you.

Day of Week	Surname of oldest child
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> 08.00 – 12.00	A-E
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> 13.00 – 16.00	F - J
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> 08.00 – 12.00	K - O
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> 13.00 – 16.00	P - T
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> 08.00 – 12.00	U-Z

We think that will run at around 10 people per hour as a maximum so we should be able to keep everyone safe.

We may need to make things up as we go along but honestly, what could possibly go wrong?!

Those parents on our keyworker list may arrange a pick up at any time by contacting us on the mobile number you have been given.