

# Huish Episcopi Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

At times such as these I am reminded of how fortunate I am in this position seeing such positivity, kindness and generosity from the HEPS community. Thank you for your messages, offers of help and just being on our side. This helps balance the chagrin we felt yesterday when we learnt that we would be waiting longer than usual to hear the buzz of a full school again after the holiday. This will pass though and in the meantime there is a great deal of lovely Tweets from the children to look forward to receiving.

## Learning Packs

From our experience last year, we know that paper based resources work well for the majority of households so we have produced packs which have been delivered today for this week and next week. They will also be placed on our website. We have spent a great deal of time discussing these before building them as we wanted a balance of sufficient material without overwhelming. Here are a few notes to answer questions you may have about them:

- New packs collected from the school every second Friday (starting on Friday, 15 January 2021) and will contain work for two weeks. Each class will have a time slot although families can collect all packs together.

Parrett	09:00-09:30
Aller	09:30-10:00
Sedgemoor	10:00-10:30
Northmoor	10:30-11:00
Isle	11:00-11:30
Kingsmoor	11:30-12:00

- Teachers will upload a clip to Twitter each day by 09:00 to explain the activities, give general feedback and set further tasks.
- All learning queries should be sent to [HEPSathome@gmail.com](mailto:HEPSathome@gmail.com) where we will answer questions as soon as we are able.

## Critical Worker School Places

Thank you for those parents who have found ways to look after children even if one parent is in the critical worker group. This means that I am putting my staff and the children of families where all adults are critical workers at a much lower risk than would be the case otherwise. Almost without exception, our staff have children, immediate family members



with underlying health conditions, or have underlying health conditions themselves, me included. Through your selflessness and subsequent arrangements, I have been able to reassure everyone that we are all doing as much as we can.

I will contact parents and carers this evening regarding places for this and next week. After that I will email every two weeks those parents who have completed the online form today. We will aim to be flexible with these requests as we know many parents and carers work shift patterns. We will be asking you to exhaust all other possibilities before we accept children for the reasons stated above. This service can only be operated whilst we have sufficient staff to safely do so and capacity allows.

### Food

All parents should already be in possession of the Free School Meal entitlement as of this afternoon.

During times such as these, we expect that some families may need a little extra support even where there is not currently Free School Meal entitlement. Please email the School Office and ask to speak with me if you are in this situation even for a limited time.

### Communication

The school office will be closed until further notice. However, the phones and email address will still be monitored intermittently and where there are sufficient personnel to manage this. The school email address should be the main portal for all general enquiries.

Each week, the teachers or TAs will make contact with every child and parent as a minimum to ensure those links and expectations are maintained. I would like to emphasize that parents must be present when these interactions take place in order to safeguard us all. If phones are used, they will not show user numbers so please be aware that we may be contacting you without our identification showing. We will continue to make efforts to contact all children until we are satisfied that everyone is well and happy with the learning packs for that week.

As always, I will be available for any safeguarding concerns although I will not necessarily be on the school site. If you need to speak with me, please email [HEPSathome@gmail.com](mailto:HEPSathome@gmail.com) and ask to speak with me directly.

As the office will be closed, Twitter will be the main way we communicate with parents. Please ensure you check in with us daily at @H\_E\_P\_S especially for the daily teacher videos.

### Various

Please do not hesitate to send us positive comments in any form but do carefully consider negative comments in any form and through any medium at a time when we are trying to do our best under challenging circumstances. Thank you.



Whilst we usually like seeing familiar faces, please do not pop into the office, even if you see us in there. There will be plenty of time to meet up once we are through this.

If you are self-isolating or just feeling the need, please send an email to [HEPSathome@gmail.com](mailto:HEPSathome@gmail.com) and ask for me to contact you. There are multiple ways we can help you during these times with managing your children and their work, collecting medication if you do not have anyone else to do this or just for a chat. We are here to help you, as much as your children; we just need to be little more creative in how we do this.

Finally, I would like to thank you, your children and my staff for the way in which everyone has conducted themselves with such grace. We all want to be able to look back and tell others honestly how we contributed, were kind and enabled others to come through this. Be kind, make your mark and stay well.

Kind regards

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