

# SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## R.E: Coronavirus Update – Home Learning for the Summer Term!

I do hope everyone has had a wonderful Easter Break and that everyone has taken the time to relax and spend time doing 'family-things'. Can you believe it! Summer Term Time begins on Monday, so it is important to adjust your daily routine back into some sort of school day(ish) mode.

The Government have announced another 3 weeks of 'Lockdown', so therefore keeping structure to weekdays is going to be important for you and your child(ren). With the lockdown continuing and no indication of when we will have children back to SVPS, the staff and I have re-looked at what a typical home-learning day could look like. With a bombardment of home learning links continuing to invade our daily lives we thought a more personal touch is needed via a DAILY PowerPoint [the children are very used to these].

Below is another tweaked rough daily structure, which we feel has a nice balance to keeping basic skills running but also allowing you and your family creative time. This is just a suggestion and we welcome you to create a more personal daily timetable if that fits better.

Rough timings	Activity
Before 9am	<b>Wake up ☺</b> - This is only a guide but getting children (and us ☺) up and ready for the day is important. Trying to treat this as some sort of home learning day is important.
9:00 – 9.30	<b>Open Blog</b> – We would like all children (and parents) to open the class blog <b>first</b> . Your child's class teacher(s) will have uploaded a new <b><u>DAILY pdf home learning document</u></b> for your child(ren) to have a go at....it will start with a riddle of the day/brainteaser to get your brains active and to promote 'talk' amongst your family.
9:30 – 10:00	<b>Morning Exercise</b> – A specific video or routine will have been chosen to keep it fresh each day.
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Break</b> – snack, drink – bit of fresh air perhaps.
10.15 – 11:00	<b>Academic Time – Maths</b> – instead of just a 'load of links' the teachers will have popped on a few questions which your child can work through – there shouldn't be any new learning. If your child is finding it a bit tricky then do have a look at the year group below. You can access other year group blogs by visiting our school website and selecting Year Groups and then clicking on class blogs. You can also access this information through our facebook page as the links have been put on there.
11.00 – 11.15	<b>Break</b> – snack, drink – bit of fresh air perhaps.
11:15 – 12.00	<b>Academic Time – English</b> - instead of just a 'load of links' the teachers will have popped on a few questions which your child can work through – there shouldn't be any new learning. If your child is finding it a bit tricky then do have a look at the year group below. You can access

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<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> – help with making lunch, bit of fresh air perhaps.
<b>1.00 - 1.30</b>	<b>Independent Reading Time</b> – This is really important [even if your child doesn't access any of the blogs]. Please keep your children reading suitable books/audiobooks...etc daily.
<b>1:30 – 2:30</b>	<b>Creative Time</b> – some suggested activities will be on the Daily PDF document.
<b>2:30 – 3.00</b>	<b>Online Learning</b> – If there are online learning opportunities then this could be a time to do these – Teachers have suggested Doodle....etc but there are 'loads' of online learning links at the moment.
<b>3:00 – 4:00</b>	<b>Fresh Air</b> – go for a walk/play in the garden...fresh air is so important.
<b>4:00 – Onwards</b>	<b>Free time / family chill out time</b> .....letting your mind unwind.
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	<b>Bedtime or getting ready for bed and chilling out</b> .....letting your mind unwind.

## FAQ

**What happens if I have more than one child and only one device?** Do what you can and talk to your children about how the day could possibly work. The PDF will work on phones...I've tried and can zoom in on the questions. It is also uploaded as a PDF so *should* open on all devices. Perhaps some children could do some creative learning / reading and swap over. It is quite nice if your children could work out their own timetable based on your needs as a family.

**Do I have to do the Home-Learning?** The simple answer is **No**, although some families are really enjoying the home learning set but others I know are finding it a bit tricky. We are in strange times. We do not expect you to turn your home into a classroom between 9am and 3pm. It is about focussing them on some structure, particularly weekdays, and for developing ways of learning beyond the walls of school and keeping minds active.

**The rough timings do not work for me, what do I do?** The timings are a **rough guide** and if they don't fit you and your family then don't try and make them fit – that is not what it is about. Maybe you could try and create your own weekday home learning day. If you do, please send it to your class teacher via email. I'm sure they will love seeing how you've managed to plan your day.

**I can't get my children into home learning and am worried they will be falling behind?** The teacher will **not** be setting new learning. The home learning set by your class teacher is work already covered this year or in previous years.

**My child is finding the work too hard?** Not to worry – all classes have Daily Home Learning documents so you can simply go onto the school's website, click on Year Groups, click on the year below (or one that is appropriate for your child) and click on their class blog. There is also a Woodland Room blog which might be useful too. The links to blogs are also at the end of this letter. There will be a letter sent out each Friday.

**How can I get in touch with my class teacher?** As always you can email your class teacher. On top of this, your class teacher is also going to try and phone you once every 2 weeks (Mrs O'leary and Mrs Brown will have weekly conversations with some parents). This will be a 5 – 10 minute conversation to see how you are, chat to your child (if possible) and find out what they've been getting up to. Please be aware that it could take virtually all day for my staff to phone 30 parents, so if you are not in they will certainly leave a message and

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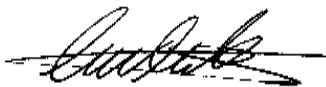
try once more later in the day. On the following page you will see which day your child’s class teacher will try to phone you. With the lockdown still in place for the next 3 weeks I imagine they will be able to speak as we aren’t really going anywhere!

Teachers contacting Parents and Children in their class

Day	Date	Year Group	Class No.	Teachers Name
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 6	Class 13	Mrs Brain
			Class 14	Mr. Bradley
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 5	Class 11	Mr. Bradnam
			Class 12	Mrs Tanfield
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 4	Class 9	Miss. Cox
			Class 10	Mr. Roddis
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1	Class 3	Miss. Woolley & Mrs. Langer
			Class 4	Mr. Howell
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2	Class 5	Mrs. Bayntun
			Class 6	Mr. Clayton
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3	Class 7	Mrs. Wilkins & Mrs Sargeant
			Class 8	Mr. Adsett & Mrs. Steed
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	EYFS	Class 1	Miss. Cleary
			Class 2	Mrs. Waller & Mrs Parker

Finally, as the start of the summer term begins on Monday, please can I ask that you continue to check your emails daily.

Best wishes and stay well.



Mr. Mills, Headteacher

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## Teachers email address and Class Blog Links

Your child's teacher wants to see and hear all the 'fun' things you have been up to.

- Please email them pictures and video...
- Please comment on the daily blog

Class number	Email Address	Class Blog Address
1	<a href="mailto:acleary@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">acleary@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:SHeath@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">SHeath@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a>	<a href="https://svpsclass1.edublogs.org">https://svpsclass1.edublogs.org</a>
2	<a href="mailto:lwaller@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">lwaller@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:vparker@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">vparker@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a>	<a href="https://svpsclass2.edublogs.org">https://svpsclass2.edublogs.org</a>
3	<a href="mailto:mwoolley@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">mwoolley@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:slanger@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk">slanger@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk</a>	<a href="https://svpsclass3.edublogs.org">https://svpsclass3.edublogs.org</a>
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