



# Pentrepoeth Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are now aware we are entering a period of school closure. School will remain closed until further notice.

We have been working in the last few days to prepare for this to ensure that there are learning activities for children so that they are able to continue with their learning from home.

## Children's Remote / Home Learning Exercise Books

We have sent home Remote/Home learning exercise books this week with each child. Children can use these to complete some of their learning tasks. We will arrange delivery to those children who have not been in school by Friday of this week..

## Passwords

All children have also been given copies of their usernames and passwords for the various online learning platforms.

## Weekly Tasks

I have asked each class teacher to produce a range of learning activities for children to complete during each week of school closure. These will be placed on the relevant class page on the **HOME LEARNING** tab of the school website ( this will go live over the weekend). These will be available by 9.00am each Monday morning.

Please visit the school website on [www.pentrepoeth.primary.co.uk](http://www.pentrepoeth.primary.co.uk)

Go to the **HOME LEARNING** tab and find your Class Page in the drop down box.

## Years 2,3,4,5 and 6

All Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 children will be able to complete their activities either :

- Through reading online books as allocated through Bug Club
- Completing Mathletics activities
- Completing Abacus Maths activities
- Completing tasks set by the teacher in their exercise books
- Completing tasks and uploading in Google classroom



## Reception and Year 1

Reception and Year 1 children will be able to complete their activities:

- Through reading online books as allocated through Bug Club
- Completing either Mathletics or Abacus online Maths activities and games
- Completing tasks as set by the teacher in the Remote/ Home Learning exercise books provided
- Carrying out tasks and uploading to their See Saw page.

## Nursery

Miss Williams will set you lots of activities to do, complete in your books or upload to See Saw.

## Structure of the day

Please find a timetable below as a guide to support you in the learning we are setting at home for this period. You are obviously free to complete tasks and learning in your own way. Work will be set by class teachers on a Sunday night ready for the week ahead.

<b>Before 9.00am</b>	<b>Wake Up</b>	<b>Eat breakfast, make bed, get dressed !</b>
<b>9.00am – 10.00am</b>	<b>English / Literacy</b>	<b>Complete tasks as set by the teacher</b>
<b>10.00am – 11.00am</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>Complete tasks set on Abacus, Mathletics or as set by the teacher</b>
<b>11.00am – 11.30am</b>	<b>Free Time</b>	<b>Snack Time and Free choice</b>
<b>11.30am – 12.00pm</b>	<b>Reading for pleasure</b>	<b>Bug Club reading Library or Free reading of your choice</b>
<b>12.00am – 1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>Enjoy!!</b>
<b>1.00pm – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Creative / Topic Activities</b>	<b>Project/ Activity time as set by teachers</b>
<b>3.00pm – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Physical Activity</b>	<b>Get moving – do something physical!!!</b>

Of course this is a suggestion – feel free to adapt to the age of your child and your own circumstances.

As well as the Weekly **set** Learning tasks from teachers there are also a number of Further Learning packs available for children to complete if you need more activities! Click on the Home Learning tab of the website and find **Further Learning** in the drop down box – look for the appropriate year group!



## Contact with school during this time.

The school phone line will not be manned as normal. To contact us please e mail the school on [Pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk](mailto:Pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk)

Mrs Harman will be able to answer most of your queries or signpost your e mails to myself, Mrs Jenkins or a member of staff. Although we have access to all contact details it would be helpful to leave your telephone number in the e mail. We will do our best to get back to you as quickly as possible.

E mails will not be monitored on Saturday or Sundays.

## Contact with teachers / marking of work

Obviously as this work is being set remotely, teachers will not be able to mark or give feedback to the work completed in their Remote/ Home Learning Exercise Books. Teachers will be able to respond to children via learning activities uploaded to Google Classroom (Years 2,3,4,5 &6) or See Saw (Nursery, Reception & Year 1). Teachers will attempt to do this as regularly as possible. Teachers will also be able to view activity on The Bug Club. Mathletics and Abacus learning platforms.

Google Classroom and See Saw are for **communication between children and teachers about their learning**. Any parent or carer queries must be sent via the [Pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk](mailto:Pentrepoeth.primary@newport.gov.uk) e mail address.

Please do not attempt to communicate with staff through Facebook, Twitter or Social Media – communication must be through the main school e – mail.

## Communication with Parents and Carers

I will seek to update parents with relevant information and school news through:

- Our text messaging system
- Newsletters
- Twitter

## Communication with Children

As and when I am able (probably weekly) I will post video clips on the website on the Assembly tab of the Home Learning section of the website.



## Guide to using Platforms

There is a step by step guide attached in the next letter which will help children access their online learning platforms. The links to these are available on the class Home Learning page.

Separate information regarding provision for Key Workers will be sent out in a different letter as that facility and organisation develops. At the time of writing I am working with colleagues to see what is required, who this applies to and how this will work.

I will also regularly update the website Health Matters section with links to Public Health Wales and Welsh Government sites.

These are exceptional circumstances. We will do all that we can to ensure continuity in learning for children. Please be patient with us if we are unable to get back to you or answer queries during this time as, over the next few weeks staff who are available to work from home may change.

It has been so lovely to see the school community come together and look out for each other in the past weeks.

Working in partnership with you as parents we will do all that we can to protect children from unnecessary worry at this time. I will signpost parents and children to a number of websites that can provide helpful resources and support where children may become anxious or need to understand things.

You have my commitment that both myself and the team will do all that we can in the following weeks to ensure we provide continuity in learning and support the wider community.

As you are aware school will close tomorrow, **Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

May I take this opportunity of sending you and your families my very best wishes at this time. I know we will all be looking forward to the time when we are back in school and this challenging period is over.

My very best, stay well.

Dean Taylor  
Headteacher

