

Warmley Park School and College

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Firstly, I hope that everyone is keeping safe at this very difficult time. Thank you very much for all the positive messages that we have received, we really appreciate them. I have been communicating with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governors to update them of our actions. They recognise that this is a challenging situation for everyone in our school community and send their best wishes to all families.

We are all finding ourselves in a new unprecedented situation which is changing daily. The latest government advice can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Remember the key information is:

- Stay at home.
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home).
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people.
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home.



You should only leave the house for one of four reasons:

- Shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible.
- One form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle - alone or with members of your household.
- Any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person.
- Travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home.

Communication - We will continue to write a weekly newsletter as well as sending direct communication to you by email and text. We have an emergency phone line - 07494 587912 which is being answered by members of the senior leadership team. General information is available on our school website. If anyone has any information that may be of use to other families, we are happy to disseminate it.

Safeguarding - If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of *any* child, you can call the Access and Response Team on 01454 866000. The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Warmley Park are still carrying out this responsibility and can be contacted on the emergency phone line.

Shopping - We have been informed that Marks and Spencers at Longwell Green are opening from 8-9am on Mondays and Thursdays for disabled and elderly customers. If you feel that you would like a letter confirming that your child attends Warmley Park to support your access to any resources, please email school@warmleyparkschool.org.uk and we will send one to you.

School Opening - Following the Government's announcements over the last few days we have been planning how we can open school for the children of key workers. We have liaised with South Gloucestershire Council, the other special schools, and health and social care colleagues to ensure that we can support families where the need is greatest. Contact has already been made with those families whose child is eligible for 'in school provision' and we will be offering a reduced learning programme in school from Monday 30th March. **The government have been very clear that parents are to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

This provision is only being offered where **there is no alternative** and we are reviewing it on a daily basis to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep pupils and staff safe. We know that a very high number of families have taken the decision to self-isolate, as have several of our staff in line with government guidance to stop the spread of the virus.

Home Learning - We will continue to send home learning throughout this situation for you to do with your child. Teachers and support staff are working on continuing to provide learning ideas and will send these to you directly. At this time there are a number of new resources becoming available but remember **online safety practice**:

www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides. We have collated lots of learning resources which you will find on the following pages.



Domestic Abuse and Covid 19

We know that this is a difficult and worrying time for everyone – but particularly so for adults and children living with domestic abuse, and the professionals working hard to support them. If you or someone else is in immediate danger please call 999 and ask for the police.

Silent Solutions

Familiarise yourself with The Silent Solution system. This is a system for victims of domestic abuse who might be afraid of further danger and escalation of harm if they are overheard when calling 999 in an emergency. When somebody calls 999, an operator will ask which emergency service is required. If the caller is unable to audibly signal to the operator, the call will be forwarded to an operating system.

If 55 is pressed by the caller, the system will detect this. The operator will then transfer the call to the relevant police force as an emergency.



Looking after children can be particularly difficult challenging when isolating. Family lives have support available including online forums: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will have received a supermarket voucher to enable you to purchase food for your child during the time that they are not at school. Further information about how the provision of food for 'free school meal pupils' will be provided in future correspondence. In the meantime, please see below advice from the Department for Education regarding a scam which is currently circulating:

We have been informed that some parents have received an email stating the following: 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'. We can confirm that this is a scam email and is not official. We urge parents that if you receive any emails like this, please do not respond, and delete it immediately.

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Online Learning Resources

Twinkl – Free Access

Twinkl is offering every teacher in England, access to all Twinkl resources with a one month ultimate membership. We are also extending this to every parent, carer and pupil. Go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter code UKTWINKLHELPS. This applies to new members.

Times Table Rock Stars – Free Access

<https://trockstars.com/page/covid19support>

Offering schools free access for 60 days. Lots of fun ways to practise their times tables.

Amazon Audible – Free access for children

For as long as schools are closed, we're open. Starting today, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

<https://app.gonoodle.com/>

This is a free website which has lots of movement activities and learning songs. You do need to sign up but it's free!

Oxford Reading Tree eBooks - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

Purple Mash - <https://www.purplemash.com/login/>

Espresso – <http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/>

Twinkl - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Go Noodle Yoga - <https://www.gonoodle.com/>

Cosmic Kids Yoga - <https://www.cosmickids.com/>

Story Telling at 6pm - <https://www.facebook.com/oliverjeffersart>

Wake and Shake Physical Activity - <https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

Help Kidz Learn - <http://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

Makaton Signing Hands - <https://singinghands.co.uk/>

Fun English Games - <http://www.funenglishgames.com/>

Top Marks Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

All subjects, resources - <http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

Snappy Maths - <http://www.snappymaths.com/>

Bristol Bears - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpx3Y7rI9HmojNnJdcfUizQ>

https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home?fbclid=IwAR3pzw_iwFa5vuKg5uc5MjMgldxJeGOXSAHug5TA_fiWHWLCXRU8brgFvrg

Scholastic Free audiobooks for children www.scholastic.com

<https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/> Is packed with hundreds of free audiobooks, but many of the books and poems have free PDFs to download and print so that children can read along, highlight, and mark up the passage being read.

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/> An International Children's Digital Library A library for the world's children. This site contains thousands of books in more than 60 languages.

BBC Learning - keep checking back as the BBC are currently working to add more here.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Scratch - Creative computer programming.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

National Geographic Kids -

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes -

www.Duolingo.com - Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Crash Course Kids - STEM videos

<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids?app=desktop>

Crest Awards - STEM awards you can complete from home.

<https://www.crestawards.org/>

Tinkercad - All kinds of making.

<https://www.tinkercad.com/>

Blue Peter Badges - if you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

Red Ted Art - Easy arts and crafts for younger pupils.

<https://www.redtedart.com/>

Some **fun workouts** that can be adapted to do at home:

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

Fun lego challenges!

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/lego-challenge-calendar-ideas-kids/>