Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we all adjust to many changes in our everyday lives. We have seen numerous brilliant examples of creative (and delicious) home learning activities, and we think that you are doing a fabulous job! We do not expect your child to be completing a full day of school learning, at home. We are considerate that you may have children of different age groups and other family members to care for, whilst attempting to work from home.

However, we also know that some of you would appreciate some support in structuring your day and minimising disruption to your child’s education in these challenging times.

Commencing on Monday 20th April, BBC Bitesize Daily will deliver a tailored day of learning across the BBC iPlayer, BBC Red Button, BBC Bitesize website and the app. They will bring 14 weeks of educational programmes and lessons to every household in the country, from Years 1-10.

There is no expectation that pupils engage in all of these lessons but accessing them, where possible, will ensure that they are receiving an age-appropriate and consistent curriculum. Here is an explanation of how we expect it to work for our pupils:

**Bitesize Daily**

1. Before each week of learning, teachers will share the weekly timetable of Bitesize sessions with you (via Facebook, Twitter and the school website) and provide a learning grid alongside.
2. Each day, your child can access their lessons for the day via the Bitesize website, at a convenient time. The lessons are short and include animated videos and explanations for new concepts.
3. There is a sequence of online and paper-based activities under each video, for pupils to complete in order to apply their learning.
4. You can then refer to the learning grid we have provided. Here you will find guidance towards a few extra questions or activities which may extend learning or support those who don’t understand. We will also try to provide ideas to practise this learning away from the computer.
5. If your child has struggled with a concept then you can contact their class teacher directly who can look at where they need help and provide support.
6. If your child does not have access to their own laptop or tablet at that time then the learning grid also informs you which lessons are available that day, on the television, via BBC iPlayer and the Red Button service.

The resources are all free so if a link takes you to a site which requires purchase, then simply return to the BBC Bitesize website for the direct link to the free activity. The website also offers guidance to parents on home-schooling, wellbeing and starting a new school.

The Department for Education has published activities – entitled Little Hungry Minds – aimed at 0 to 5-year-olds. Miss Chapman will also provide a learning grid of short, fun activities.

This way of teaching is new to us all and so any feedback is gratefully received. We aim to support not overwhelm. The safety and wellbeing of you and your families is top priority so please do not allow this to cause undue pressure at home. **We are only a phone call or message away if you need us for anything at all.**

Please stay safe.

From

Miss Chapman, Mrs O’Connor, Miss Sabin, Miss Stowell and Mrs Whittaker