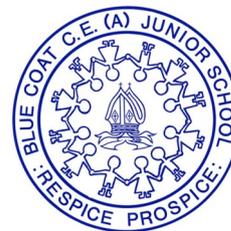




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BLUE COAT INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS CLOSING TODAY

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

All schools across the country have been instructed by the government to close today until further notice. The Infant and Junior Schools are both closing today.

The reason for this national closure is to create social distance within communities including between children as much as possible so that the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) can be slowed down.

We will re-open fully as soon as we can and we will let you know when this is by texting you, through the Twitter feed (news@bluecoat_fed) and on our website (www.bluecoatfederation.co.uk). These channels will be used to keep you up to date with any letters or information throughout the closure.

What we will continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. We have already sent out details of different online materials that your child can access whilst we are closed. In particular, your child has their login details for *Purple Mash*. Our teachers will be monitoring your child's use of this website and setting and updating tasks through it for your child to do. If your child is having issues accessing the online resources please email your child's teaching team for help and support. Email addresses have been set up for you to do this.

Infant School teaching team email addresses

Nursery@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Reception@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Year1@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Year2@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Junior School teaching team email addresses

Year3@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Year5@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Year4@bluecoatfederation.co.uk

Year6@bluecoatfederation.co.uk



TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME DURING THIS EXTENDED PERIOD

1. Maintain regular waking up and bed times and keep consistent routines around meal times;
2. Maintain daily washing and dressing routines even if you are going to be inside all day;
3. Plan a timetable for each weekday morning that includes separate time slots for reading, and different subject work using the online resources;
4. Plan something fun and practical you can do with your child each afternoon like cooking, model making, arts and crafts or gardening;
5. Ensure there are opportunities for regular exercise (you will need to be creative if inside all day) - children need 60 minutes of exercise a day. **Monday to Friday, at 9am live on YouTube, Joe Wicks will be doing a workout for children to follow.**



ONLINE LEARNING OPPROTUNITIES DURING THE SCHOOL CLOSURE

The children will be able to access learning activities on a computer at home that have been planned and set up by our teachers through an online resource called 'Purple Mash.' All the Infant and Junior children have been issued with a Purple Mash login name and password. Our teachers will monitor the work your child carries out and submits through the Purple Mash platform.



There are other activities online that the children can also do including:

Years 3 to 6

Times Tables Rockstars (<https://trockstars.com>)

Year 6

Read Theory (<https://readtheory.org>)

Years 1 to 6

MyMaths (<https://www.mymaths.co.uk>)

World Book Online have just made their collection of over 3,000 ebooks and audiobooks available for free for children to access at home. They have books suitable for all ages.

The link to this great resource is on our website.

Other sites great for Juniors

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/index.shtml>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/

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

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

<https://ed.ted.com/>

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

<https://mysteryscience.com/>

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

<http://www.math-exercises-for-kids.com/>

Other sites great for Infants

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/index.shtml>

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CORONAVIRUS OR COVID-19



If someone develops a continuous cough or a high temperature (37.8°C or higher) the government is now stating that they should self-isolate for seven days.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you'll need to stay at home for 7 days

If you live with someone who has symptoms, you'll need to stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms

If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.

If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

to access the latest information.

WALSALL FOODBANK AT ABLEWELL CENTRE

The Walsall Foodbank is staying open during this time.

If you would like to use the Foodbank please email us at postbox@bluecoatfederation.co.uk or call us and we will pass your details on.

Also, the Foodbank is in need of donations, if you would like to donate some food, it can be dropped off in our reception areas or taken direct to the Ablewell Centre.

PRAYERS FOR THE BLUE COAT COMMUNITY

We hold all who are worried or suffering at this difficult times in our prayers.

