



2nd April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you are all managing to stay well. Thank you for your ongoing support during this time and for all that you are doing to ensure that your children are supported during the school closure. I appreciate that many of you are balancing your own work commitments, supporting your children with their learning and supporting extended families as well as managing your own wellbeing.

The purpose of this letter is primarily to provide updates on home learning expectations and Easter working. All updates will continue to be sent by email, uploaded on to the MCAS parent portal and published on the dedicated area of the website (Parent Post).

Home Learning Expectations

Thank you for caring about the amount of work that is being completed at home and for the feedback that many of you provided to us. I would like to reassure you that what you are doing is enough. You are raising children and doing your best at a time when they are trying to make sense of what is going on around us. If that means that some days you are unable to complete the work set or you don't do as much as planned, please know that we do understand this, it is only important that we are all doing our best at a difficult time.

We will be reviewing the success of online learning and will communicate with you at the beginning of the new term regarding expectations moving forward.

Promoting positive mental health is so important at this time and I have been pleased to hear that many of you are making time for your children to exercise, spend time outdoors, be creative, talk and relax. This is so important.

TGSA Website

I would advise that you use our website as a source of reliable information and useful support during the school closure period. There are resources on there to support wellbeing, online safety as well as challenges and ideas of how to keep your children entertained during the Easter holidays.

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Easter

As we approach the planned Easter holidays, it is important that we give students, parents and staff time to recharge ahead of the new term that begins on Monday 20th April. Therefore, *no new work* will be set for home learning during Week beginning 6th April and Week beginning 13th April.

I understand that students may feel a lack of purpose during these two weeks and so we have placed a list of activities on the website that your children (and you!) may want to participate in during this time.

Keeping in touch

We are missing the children very much and we have enjoyed seeing the work they are producing at home and photographs of them keeping busy. Please continue to share this with us, using the function to submit work on Show My Homework (secondary), or Class Dojo (primary) sharing with us on Twitter (@TGSAPRINCIPAL) or by emailing in to office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk.

TGSA Small School

We have continued to remain open for a very small number of students whose parents or carers are critical workers. As the pressure on the NHS increases, we understand that circumstances at home might change. If you are a critical worker who has not needed to send your child into school but find that your circumstances change over the coming weeks, please contact us via email.

Communication with school

During the planned Easter break, there will be no administrative staff on site and it is unlikely that we will be able to answer the phones or pick up answer phone messages. Please try and communicate using email wherever possible (office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk) and the most appropriate member of staff will get back to you. During the Easter break, you will only receive responses to urgent emails.

Yours sincerely

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Easter Holiday Activities

Virtual Tours Around The World

Use this link to take a virtual tour of some amazing places. Use the power of the internet to visit these places.

<https://www.hotukdeals.com/deals/free-virtual-tours-louvre-british-museum-wall-of-china-exoplanet-nasa-uffizi-van-gogh-salvatore-dali-museum-and-more-3429850>

Rainbow in the House Scavenger Hunt:

Find something red Find something yellow Find something orange
Find something green Find something blue Find something purple

Book Scavenger Hunt

Find an animal in a book
Find the word Spring in a book
Find someone helping someone in a book
Find a book that makes you laugh
Find a bug in a book
Find a superhero in a book

Try shadow drawing



This is a great way to pass the time in the sunshine. All you need is a piece of paper, an object to draw and a pencil. Lay the paper out with the object on the edge of the paper so the shadow is on the paper. Draw round the shadow and you have the perfect picture to colour in.

Harry Potter Fans

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

If you are a fan of Harry Potter, register and get sorted into one of the houses. Lots of activities and things to read.

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Create a Memory Box

Create an online or actual memory box. Add things into your box that reminds you of this time in your life. You may want to add pictures of your relatives and write a letter to them telling them what you are doing. Remember we will go down in history as living through the Covid 19!

Make a Paper Plane

Make a paper plane and see how far it will fly. Get your family members together and see who makes the best one.

Get your family cooking!

Get yourselves into the kitchen and prepare a meal together. Even if it's a pack up! On a nice day you could even set out an indoor picnic.

Guess the Object - Picture Taking Competition

Everyone has 15 mins to take the best photo from objects around your house. Try to disguise the object by taking it from different angles. Everyone in the family has to guess the different objects.

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