



30th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are all bearing up during this very strange and difficult time and are adjusting to different work patterns and the necessary imposed restrictions on us all.

I hope that you have managed to do some home learning with your child or children and have found the links to websites and online resources helpful. Please remember that you can access home learning through the school website under the 'Children' tab, then 'Class Pages' at <https://www.buriton.hants.sch.uk/class-pages/> We hope that you enjoyed the activities suggested for last week and we have loved seeing how some of you are getting on. We do miss you all! At times like this, our mental health and well-being is of the utmost importance. Our main goal is that we all get through this as happily and as safely as we can. With that in mind the home learning that we are providing is not intended to raise stress levels but to give you some options of how to continue your child's learning through this strange time. Some of the activities will suit your child more than others and it is absolutely fine if they want to do things slightly differently. We are providing a guideline for the skills that it would be helpful if they could continue to practise, or begin to grasp and some of those new skills can be acquired in many different ways! Please do not feel that you have to organise your child's time like a school day unless this suits both you and your child.

Staff will be regularly updating activities to enable your child to continue their learning whilst at home. In addition to these activities, there are general online resources that you may wish to use with your child if you feel it is appropriate to do so.

Just a reminder that if you would like to send in a photo of your home learning, or activities to inspire others, please email them to rgreen14@buriton.hants.sch.uk . Miss Green will then upload them to the 'Gallery' section from the 'children' tab on our website, **please note that any photos will be visible to anybody who looks at our website.**

Here are some resources that I hope you may find useful:

Wellbeing – During this stressful time, it's so important to look after your own mental health and wellbeing and that of your family. I'd like to draw your attention to some newly published guidance from the government regarding 'Advice for parents and carers on looking after the mental health and wellbeing of children or young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Read, read and read some more!! Visit the library online

Hampshire libraries are accessible online and have a fantastic [Digital Library](#) which includes [ebooks and e-audiobooks](#), [newspapers and magazines](#) as well as many other resources. They will be adding many more titles over the next few weeks, so please do take a look. The Day Explorer for KS2 enables children to look at weekly news articles as well as a weekly quiz.

For access to books online, please visit
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library>

Art – The Little Art School

If you'd like your child to do a daily drawing class, please visit The Little Art School at 11.00am daily, see below:

The Daily Draw at 11.00am at
<https://www.facebook.com/1400964093500651/posts/2454012808195769/?vh=e&d=n>

As we are made aware of more useful resources I will share them with you each week. Please don't feel you must do these as they are suggestions that you may or may not wish to use. In the meantime, I hope you all have a good week and that you stay safe and well and take care of each other.

Best wishes

Danielle Brown

Mrs Brown