City Community Learning Trust

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Coronavirus (Covid – 19) – UPDATE – Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

Firstly can I say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who have been so supportive and understanding during this incredibly difficult period. I am aware the constant changes have presented families with challenges however together I feel we have dealt with the situation very well. As the situation continues to develop, I will remain in close contact and ensure any information I receive is shared immediately with you.

All the staff are 100% committed to keeping school running as smoothly as possible and it is our aim to continue to provide your children with the very best education for as long as possible.

The arrangement for dropping children of will remain the same until further notice. If this is presenting anyone with a particular problem, please contact me directly and together we will find a solution.
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Distance Learning

As we have a number of families self-isolating for 14 days it's important we have plans in place to ensure the children's learning continues. It would help immensely if you follow the steps below; this will make sure the children are keeping a focus on learning during this period of absence.

NB – If you do not have access to the internet or you are unable to print certain sheets, please contact school. We can provide a hard copy of all the items below and will arrange for this to be handed over in a safe and convenient way.

1. 'Knowledge Organisers'

- Download the appropriate Knowledge Organiser from the website or the App
- Learn the facts that are shared on these and write them out practising their best handwriting.
- Learn how to spell the words in the key vocabulary section and make sure you know what they mean
- Do the activities in the try it at home section

2. Distance Learning Packs

- Download the 'Distance Learning Pack' from the appropriate year group on the website – if possible print the worksheets
- The cover sheet gives on outline of the activities to be carried out
- The additional sheets give further detail and guidance about what exactly should be done

3. Additional Activities

We would recommend the use of certain websites. The links for these are listed below. Activity Village is mainly aimed at Foundation Stage and Y1, whilst Twinkl has resources for children across the primary years.

https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/school-closures

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search?term=school+closure

As well as the above, please don't forget the value of reading with your child. Sometimes they will enjoy reading to you and at other times, they might like to have a story read to them. The children also have access to TT Rockstars – I'm sure you might have seen this already – here they can practice there times tables.

The above learning suggestions should be sufficient for each child who is self-isolating until the Easter holiday. We are working hard to ensure, should this absence be extended, we have a clear plan to continue their learning and minimise the effect of any disruption

Sources of Further Information regarding COVID - 19

Updates on COVID-19:

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

The Department for Education has also launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 0468687

Email:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Thanks, as always, for your support and understanding in this difficult time.

If you have any further questions, please use the links above or, if necessary, contact me at school.

Regards,

Dave Smith – Headteacher