



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well, and that you and your children had a healthy and safe Easter. We have returned to school this week with only a small number of pupils and staff as we continue to support those families of key and critical workers throughout the Pandemic.

Hopefully, all parents received the work books for the pupils over the Easter Holidays but if for any reason that you did not, please email the school as soon as possible so we can resolve this as quickly as possible.

Home Learning

You and the children have now received the Home Learning Projects. If you need any support with these at home - for example selecting the activities or sequencing what tasks to complete on each day then please do email the classroom teacher as they will be very happy to support with this. As we communicated earlier this week, please email a photo of the completed work to classroom teacher on a Tuesday and Thursday for marking and feedback; the school has created a set template to support the pupils with this which we will email back to you.

Thank you very much for your feedback on the learning projects so far, as a school we will continue to evaluate these and adapt them as necessary. We will be emailing them over on Friday this week so that parents get further prepared for Monday.

We have provided these learning packs to support with flexibility and the routine of home so please do work through these as and when the situation allows itself and at the pace of the home routine.

Short on Stationary?

If you are short on stationary supplies, the school will have a stationary table in the car park on Mondays and Fridays between 09:00 am – 11:00 am, from Monday 27th April. Parents are invited to collect extra resources such as pens, pencils and paper that you may need to support with home learning. Social distances measures will be observed during this process and the school staff will support with this by ensuring any visitors are kept two meters apart.

Oak National Academy

The sector-led Oak National Academy has launched its online classroom and resource hub. The Academy offers 180 video lessons each week for schools to use, across a broad range of subjects. The lessons cover children in Reception through to Year 10 and are free to use by both teachers and young people.

The Oak National Academy can be accessed here: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

BBC

BBC have also launched a School closure online learning programme to use. The BBC's newly expanded education offer will bring 14 weeks of educational programmes and lessons to every household in the country - whatever your child's age. BBC Bitesize Daily, as the service will be called will deliver a tailored day of learning across BBC iPlayer, Red Button, BBC Bitesize website and app, BBC Four and BBC Sounds, with curriculum relevant offers across the UK.

Whole School Challenges

During the continued lockdown for the next few weeks we have decided to set some challenges for children to complete, if wanted. Each week we will be uploading a challenge on our website in the home learning section. Once completed please email a photo or scan of their work to Miss Petra p.gollob@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk. We will choose a selection from each class to show on the website.

CEOP

CEOP have updated their home learning packs which focus on [online safety](#) to support the children whilst they continue to use e devices at home. Please find the attached link here:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/5-7s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03f521e658-TUK ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME 21 04 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03f521e658-63980417](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/5-7s/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03f521e658-TUK%20ONLINE%20SAFETY%20AT%20HOME%2021%2004%2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03f521e658-63980417)

Stonewall

Stonewall have created some lovely learning packs which can also be found here:

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/home-learning-packs-stonewall>

Online Tuition with Richmond Music Trust

Parents of children who learn an instrument (including voice) with RMT are reminded that lessons are available online whilst schools are closed. If your child usually has a group lesson, you can access individual lessons for the same cost. All parents have been emailed with full details. If you have not yet opted in, please go to <http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/onlinetuition>

Children who take part in Music Makers are being offered an individual recorder lesson in place of the large group session (adjusted offer for this term). All parents have been emailed with full details. If you have not yet opted in, please go to <http://www.richmondmusictrust.org.uk/onlinetuition>

Please email admin@richmondmusictrust.org.uk with any queries.

School Office News

Parentmail / Communication

You should all have received your invitation to activate your parentmail accounts, our new tool for communications. Whilst many have activated their accounts only some have downloaded the app, reminders have been sent out so please kindly check your inbox and spam box for these emails.

We will, in the short term continue to use normal emails alongside parentmail whilst we get everyone online, so please activate your accounts and any problems please contact Miss Joy via j.chapple@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk.

PTA

'If any parent needs any help, support or a friendly chat over the coming weeks, the team and I will do all we can to be there. I don't want anyone to feel alone.'

Emma Love – Mobile Number: **0781 00 00 354**

Thank you, and have a lovely weekend



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