



PARK HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your support in keeping your child at home unless you are a key worker and you require a school place. We recognise that keeping your child/children at home during the school day is a challenge and therefore would like to offer some support to our parents.

Home learning

Please remember that we are not expecting all parents to become teachers. The teachers and support staff are preparing and issuing learning for the children to complete on a daily basis. Staff are working on a rota system and working from home when they are not scheduled to be in the building which means that the children can send their teachers messages, via Google Classroom, if they are stuck on a task. If the class teacher is unable to respond, a teacher within the year group will respond as soon as possible. Please do not feel like you have to find resources to teach your child. We are also investigating ways to 'live broadcast' lessons so the children can see their teachers.

Rules

Some parents have spoken to staff members about developing home rules which link to the schools framework. We have five learning behaviours (5Rs) which the children are familiar with: Respectful, Resilient, Reflective, Resourceful and Relationships. Details can be found here: <https://www.phjs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/learning-behaviours-the-5rs.pdf>



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We also encourage the children to use the '**3Bs Before Me**' approach when they are finding a task challenging. They need to:

- 1) Use their **brain** first - think hard about what they have learnt before
- 2) Use their **bits and bobs** (resources e.g. dictionaries/books/Google etc)
- 3) Use their **buddy** - this could be another friend online or an older brother or sister

All children are familiar with '**3Bs Before Me**' and using this approach helps the children to become more resilient and resourceful as learners. If they have gone through all the steps above and still need further help, don't forget they can also ask their teacher for help by messaging on Google Classroom as mentioned above.

The children are fully aware of our expectations with regards to behaviour (e.g. being polite/no answering back), and if you wish for staff members to speak to your child about this, please email us at: office@parkhill-jun.croydon.sch.uk. We will be enforcing these expectations through the Google Classroom interactions and through telephone calls that we will be making throughout the school closure.

Timetables

Social media is awash with parents who have set up schedules for their child while the schools are closed. Please structure your day around your own schedules. The teaching staff will upload roughly two hours of curriculum content to your child's online Google Classroom each day, however this does not need to be completed at a set time. Some families have organised a structure where they have agreed that 'school' would be between 9am and lunchtime and therefore all children have to be up, dressed and ready to learn by then. This may or may not work for your family, especially if you are working from home at the same time.

To support parents, we have listed 'non-screen activities' on our school website, along with additional online pages that your child may wish to access:

<https://www.phjs.co.uk/online-learning-support/>



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We will continue to upload ideas/resources as they become available. Joe Wicks is hosting a live PE session daily at 9am, via his YouTube channel, which we know many pupils participated in today and thoroughly enjoyed!

We wish to thank you for your continued support during the school closure. As you are aware, things at a national level are changing on a daily basis, but as a school we are here to support you in any way we can. This is a new way of working/learning for everyone so things may change as we learn from what works best/what needs adapting, but please rest assured that we are here to support you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

Park Hill Junior School Leadership Team



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