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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well at this challenging time.

Thank you so much for your continued support and your patience. As a school, we want to ensure that your children continue their learning whilst they are at home and we hope that using Teams will allow this to happen more easily. We are aware that this is putting a lot of pressure on you and that the past two days will have been a struggle for many of you. Hopefully, as the staff, children and families become more familiar with Teams and a routine of work is embedded, things will become easier. If you have any problems or concerns, please contact your child's/children's teachers on Teams or email the school office. We will do our best to try to sort out any issues. Work will be available at the school office if you have any problems printing work. If you are having difficulties uploading the completed work on Teams (this is our preferred method), please return the work to school and the teachers will mark it as soon as they are able.

We do not expect the children to be working all day but would like them to complete an English, Guided Reading and Mathematics task in the morning and a Foundation subject in the afternoon. Should you wish for your child to be doing more than this, you may need to be doing your own work, please see below for ideas and links to interactive/useful websites.

- Continue to encourage your child to read daily
- Develop your children's life skills e.g. cooking, loading the dishwasher, helping with the laundry etc.
- Limit screen time
- Provide as many opportunities for the children to be outside as possible
- Times Tables

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

- Maths Games

Have a go making up new rules or inventing your own maths game.

<https://matr.org/blog/fun-maths-games-activities-for-kids/>

- Link to maths games videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=foj6ujoT_HU&list=PLWIJ2KbiNEyoBDc5yLJ4PaiaY3o5E5xCB

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> - BBC Bitesize
- YouTube – Body Coach Joe Wicks – Live Workouts
- <https://www.sportsstarsuk.com/> - Sports Stars

Safeguarding

Whilst the school is closed, our duty and responsibility to safeguarding our pupils remains. Our regular check ins with families needing a bit of extra help and support will continue throughout the period of school closure, just as if the

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school was open. If you have any safeguarding concerns whilst the school is closed, for your child or for any other pupil from the school, please contact dsl@queen-eleanors.surrey.sch.uk (this is checked regularly by all members of the Safeguarding Team).

Looking after your child's wellbeing during school closure

Here are some ideas for how to look after your child's wellbeing whilst schools are closed.

Keep Calm

Children will be most affected by how people around them are reacting. Try as best as possible to keep an atmosphere of calm at home. Keep up to date with important news, but make sure COVID-19 does not overtake all conversations in the home. If you feel that children or adults in the home are becoming anxious due to the virus, it might be a good idea to make some time for relaxation in your day. There are lots of apps and YouTube channels that offer guided relaxation activities.

You could try: Headspace app, Calm app, Cosmic Kids Yoga. Don't forget to make time for other nice activities that children enjoy: Drawing, listening to music, painting, sand play, colouring, writing stories, reading.

Keep a Routine

To help children cope with an extended period of time off school, it will help to maintain a regular routine, that includes enough sleep, time for academic work set by the class teacher, time for relaxation, time for being creative, time spent outside (whilst observing social distancing rules) and meals at regular times. A great idea would be to create the routine together and give children the chance to include activities they would like to do too.

Keyworker Children

The school is open to the children of Critical Workers and vulnerable children at this time. We have had a very high number of requests for Keyworker places and we are now full in some year groups. Please can I ask that, if you no longer require the place, can you let the office know as soon as possible so that there is availability should any other children and families need it. Please be aware that has meant that the class sizes are larger than the last School Closure due to the high demand for places. If it is at all possible for you to have your child learning at home, please will you do so. If a child tests positive within these Keyworker year group bubbles, it is likely that we will need to close the bubble. So please can I ask you to only send your child if extremely necessary so as to protect as many families as possible.

As we are given more information and advice from the Government and Good Shepherd Trust, we will continue to update you.

Best wishes,

Mrs Curtin