



LONDON COLNEY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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Government Enforced Closure

Public Health England have announced blanket closures of all schools, and we would like to inform you about how we will communicate with you and what work our teachers have set for the next two weeks leading up to and during the Easter holidays. **Please keep this letter somewhere safe so that you can refer back to it!**

School will close to all but some pupils. It will remain open for children of "key workers", pupils with EHCPs and other vulnerable groups. It is vital that if you think your child falls into this group that you inform us.

What work will be set for my child?

At London Colney Primary and Nursery School, the teachers are setting home learning using our existing technology systems that the children use for their weekly homework, with a mixture of 'paper' activities.

Online Learning

The teachers will ensure that your child has all of the relevant passwords in their reading diaries (just in case they forget!), and that every child has their diary when they leave school on the last day!

Because your children are used to accessing these programmes on a weekly basis, unless they are ill, we do expect that they complete the work set. In this initial phase, the teachers will set work for the final two weeks of term, and we have signposted you to many extra activities, which you can complete in addition, should you wish to do so.

1. Times Table Rockstars – This can be accessed anytime. The teachers will set the relevant times tables for your child to practise.
2. PurpleMash – teachers will set up some English activities to complete. Children can then complete extra activities on their own if they wished to extend their learning.
3. Each class will send home a 'Creative Curriculum Grid' – we expect children to complete.

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Please keep evidence of these completed activities, as there will be rewards available from their class teacher for everything they complete!

What can I do if they complete the work that is set?

- Online educational publishers, [Twinkl](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/), have offered parents free access to all its resources for a month to support continued learning at home. All you need to do is enter UKTWINKLHELPS to get started.
- Parents should be able to access free Home Learning Packs for each primary year group. Each pack contains resources to help with distance learning:
 - EYFS <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/xrh0w>
 - KS1 <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/qznc0>
 - KS2 <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/l/1bm381>
- For kids who love science, the [Children's University of Manchester](https://www.childrensuniversityofmanchester.com/) website is an excellent interactive resource in which your child can browse a number of different science topics, which have a quiz at the end of each unit.
- [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize) is an excellent online resource that provides students help with revision and learning. Here you will find a number of free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject on every subject for students aged from three to 16 and over.
- For those of you who enjoy making crafts with your child at home, [Activity Village](https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/) is a great resource for ideas and templates to develop creativity at home.
- Go for some virtual tours around some museums in different parts of the world
<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>
- **Spelling Shed** <https://www.spellingshed.com>
- **Maths Shed** <https://www.mathshed.com>
- **Picture News** <https://www.picture-news.co.uk>

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List of websites offering free access / resources / educational games

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/>

<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/>

<https://pages.sumdog.com/>

<https://ttrockstars.com>

<https://numbots.com>

<https://mathszone.co.uk/>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

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

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

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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

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

<https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/>

<http://www.first4maths.co.uk/product-category/free-resources/>

<https://www.mathshed.com/about>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/>

<https://www.teachprimary.com/download/pie-corbett>

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

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<https://www.mathsisfun.com/games/>

<https://2simple.com/blog/using-purple-mash-school-closure-update/>

What if I need to contact my teacher/the school?

Whilst we are closed, should you have any questions or queries, you can either email them to admin or to your child's class teacher. admin@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk is the school email address, which will be checked every day. If you want to contact your child's class teacher, please use one of the following emails relevant to the class your child is in:

eyfs@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk
year1@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk
year2@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk
year3@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk
year4@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk
year5@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk
year6@londoncolney.herts.sch.uk

Throughout the closure, the school will be following all government guidelines, and it would be helpful if you could avoid using this email for anything other than emergencies or queries relating to your child's work.

How will my school contact me?

All letters will go on the school website and a post will be shared on 'Facebook', along with a text message and emails. We will endeavour to keep you informed of every step we take, in line with the government guidelines.

We all know that this is a challenging and unprecedented situation – each school has to follow their own procedures, and I would like to thank you all for your patience and support during this difficult period!

Yours sincerely

Sarah Joyce
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