

Unit 20 St. Austell Business Park St. Austell Cornwall

Dear Parent/Carer.

From 30th March, our online home learning programme will be available on your school website and accessed via the Home Learning link.

The programme offers many suggestions for learning and links to excellent websites. All are free to register. A worksheet can be viewed on screen and answered in the exercise book provided to avoid the need for printing.

You will have access to the first two weeks of activities. Please pace this over the two-week period. Several of the tasks are open-ended and you can explore the themes as deeply as you wish. Our staff will not be able to offer more activities so please adjust them to your family's needs.

In preparation for the start of the learning programme please can you also register with:

https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/ https://www.twinkl.co.uk/ https://imoves.com/

Pupils also have access to the Wonde dashboard via the Child Login button on the website and can freely use Timetables Rockstars, Sumdog and other apps. If you hit technical problems do not worry, there will be other things you can access. Jo Wicks is also offering daily exercise sessions on YouTube which you may wish to register for.

Make sure whichever device they are on; <u>internet safety is key</u>. Do not leave your child unattended on the internet for long periods and aim to engage with the activities that they are doing. Visit <u>www.aspireacademytrust.org/esafety</u> for further guidance.

If you cannot access the apps or website, adapt your activities. This is a <u>guide</u> to help you provide a week's education, it is flexible, and you can change it.

Please do not lose the books and work. At some point we hope to be sharing what your children have achieved. Please will you mark the work. If you are not sure about how to, please do not worry, just award stars for the effort shown.

If you cannot access the internet at home the Trust has developed an alternative offline printed pack. Please telephone your school if you do not have facilities to use



the online programme or, if you receive no reply from your school, please contact the central Aspire Academy Trust number on 01726 438613 and arrangements will be made for you.

Helpful pointers for home educating

Motivation is key and regular sessions each day will help with this. If your child feels saturated, try a different task. Reward the effort made with a star (stuck or hand drawn) at the end of the work.

Create a daily timetable, design it with your children. Factor in fun times for all. Learning time needs to have a different feel to playtime. Perhaps a quiet time without chatter to help your children focus?

Read the task in advance of your child so you have any idea of what they need to do. If you have several children can the older children support the younger ones? Can you all do the same activity at times (art, music, science?), to avoid your attention being pulled many ways.

Make sure there is a balance to the day, ensuring plenty of exercise. Have a mixture of handwritten and online tasks.

If you are not sure your child is producing "good enough" results **do not worry**. We will not be judging the outcomes harshly. This is about keeping learning going and keeping engagement in high quality activities. If your child is struggling, reassure them. We often use the phrase, "You haven't got it <u>yet</u> but one day you will".

Kind regards

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