



Archibald First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Should schools be given the directive to close, we will. Obviously, any decision to close schools has a huge impact on communities and I know this difficult decision will not be taken lightly. In order to try to support children at this time we are sending home a pack with some activity suggestions. A far wider selection will be available on the school website under Home Learning tab within the parent's information section.

It would be very helpful if you can do some home learning with your child whilst school is closed. Please encourage them to have some time every day when they take part in some specific educational activities; this will help reduce the impact of any lost learning time when school is able to reopen. I have attached a suggested schedule to the back of this letter as an idea but each family will understandably have their own ideas and plans. There are a variety of free websites that can also help – we have sent these out in a leaflet to you all, they are also available on our school website in the Parent's section <https://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/parents-information/support-topics/> (some links may need to be updated – apologies)

There are numerous other things you can do to help with your child's education: do some cookery, go on a nature walk, make maths calculations out of objects, chant your tables and practise spelling or handwriting.

We will post regular messages on Twitter @Archibaldfirst with other ideas for you. It would be great to receive tweets back!

During this time please also remember to follow good hygiene:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

If you need help or advice, please ring 111 – do not attend your GP surgery if you think you may have come into contact with the virus.

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Please also follow any updates and new advice from the government and Public Health England at all times. If we have urgent messages to issue to parents, we will issue messages on the school website or emails to parents.

Most importantly I hope you, and your families, continue to stay well at this time and we look forward to seeing you all back at school very soon.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. R. Turner

Head Teacher

Daily Schedule

Before 9:00 AM	Wake up!	Make your bed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, get dressed
9:00-10:00	Outdoor Time	Family walk or outdoor play
10:00-11:00	Academic Time	No Electronics! Reading, homework, study, puzzles, journal
11:00-12:00	Creative Time	Creative play, drawing, Legos, crafts, music, cooking, baking
12:00-12:30	LUNCH	
12:30-1:00	Home Chores	Clean rooms, put away toys, take out garbage, pet care
1:00-2:30	Quiet Time	Reading, nap, puzzles, yoga
2:30-4:00	Academic Time	Electronics OK! Educational games, online activities, virtual museum tours
4:00-5:00	Outdoor time	Family walk or outdoor play
5:00-6:00	Dinner time	Family dinner, help with clean-up and dishes
6:00-7:00	Bath time	Bath or shower
7:00-8:00	Reading/TV time	Relaxing before bedtime