

Ref: PrimaryHomeLearning/KNY/jud

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been fantastic to have all the pupils back at school, learning in their class bubbles and returning to a school routine. However the current climate is once again uncertain and therefore we are preparing for all the possible situations that may arise over the next few days, weeks or months to ensure continuity of learning for all of our pupils.

In the Primary phase we will use the following methods to provide work for pupils in Blue, Indigo, Violet Classes and Years 3,4,5 & 6 should individuals, small groups, whole class or year bubbles have to isolate or lockdown.

School Website www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk

There are 3 places to look for work on the school website.

Primary Tab / Home Learning <https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/primary/home-learning/>

Curriculum Tab / Knowledge Organisers

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Curriculum Tab – scroll down to Curriculum Maps to find out about the topics pupils will be studying.

On the website, you can access work packs for each year group for 1 week of absence and 2 weeks of isolation. These will support pupils awaiting test results and/or self-isolating. We will update these and change them to support pupils as the term progresses. The packs contain a range of current skills and knowledge that pupils need to master to support their learning this school year. The information in the packs can be used in a range of ways to suit all pupils and meet the needs of all. Ideally, you should access the pack that matches your child's year group however please do not hesitate to access other packs to challenge or support your child if you feel that this would be beneficial.

SeeSaw <https://app.seesaw.me/>

Show My Homework will **no longer** be used in school. Primary pupils will all be provided with a passcode and QR code for a new web and app based work environment called SeeSaw. SeeSaw will allow pupils to access written and video work tasks set by staff. It will also allow them to respond in a range of ways including video, picture, voice recording or writing. It is child friendly and similar to the many environments they use in apps and games. Staff will share SeeSaw in class with pupils over the next few days so they are familiar with how to access their work.

SeeSaw can be accessed on phones, tablets, laptops, Xbox live, PS4 consoles or Kindle Fire. Parents can see what children are working on and can open a family group link so that all your children's work is in one place. Staff can respond directly to the work pupils complete, they can also track progress and standards.

Teaching Websites

Pupils will be signposted to a range of teaching websites where they can follow lessons step by step, receive clear instructions and complete tasks. These have been filmed professionally and we will match them to the curriculum topics we are studying each half term.

Oak National Academy – <https://www.thenational.academy/> will cover most curriculum subject areas.

White Rose Maths – <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> step by step teacher led MAths lessons which follow our Power Maths format and will allow pupils to progress through the curriculum

BBC Bitesize – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/> will cover most curriculum subject areas. Pupils can recap and revise or learn new content matched to our curriculum maps

In addition pupils have access to:

TT Rockstars (Years 2-6) <https://trockstars.com/>

Numbots (Years R-Y3) <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/search-school>

Hegarty Maths (Years 5 & 6) <https://hegartymaths.com/>

Other suitable websites can be found on the school website in the work packs plus, teachers will direct students towards specific website tasks.

Younger Pupils

Work for Pupils in in Red, Orange, Yellow and Green (Nursery, Reception and some Year 1) will continue to be provided via **Tapestry**. Parents should already have their access to this site. This is a simple method for our younger pupils to receive work. If you are unsure, please contact a member of the EYFS team.

Structuring the day

Staff will provide a sample timetable to support pupils. However, we understand that many of you are supporting more than one child as well as working from home; therefore, you need to make the timetable work for you whilst ensuring the children are accessing their work. The main focus for Primary pupils needs to be;

Reading (individual silent reading or shared reading- listening to and responding to a story),

Number work, (times tables, counting forwards and backwards, matching, telling the time, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)

Speaking and Listening (learning new words, speaking in sentences of increasing length, using quiet and loud voices, presenting to others and discussion)

Physical Activity (at least 30 minutes of activity a day that gets your child breathless)

Recording Work

It is important that your child records their written work and that it is neat and legible. Pupils know how to present their work. We use DUMTUMLO – Date, Underline, Miss a line, Title, Underline, Miss a line, Learning Objective. Pupils should use their best handwriting, think about how they structure their sentences and known spelling rules. In Maths, we encourage pupils to place just 1 digit in a square. We have prepared some paper packs that will be sent home with pupils where possible to support the recording of work. We hope that we can include work completed at home during isolation or lockdown in a pupil's book, therefore excellent presentation is important.

Communication

Communication during any form of lockdown is essential. Pupils will be able to send their work and communicate with staff via Tapestry and SeeSaw.

During a partial or full lockdown, staff will monitor the key stage email addresses. This is an excellent way for parents and children to communicate, ask questions, find lost passwords, gain support, ask for help and reassurance or share good news.

Primary School staff can be reached on

EYFS and KS1 Staff KS1andEYFS@thegrangeacademy.co.uk

KS2 Staff KS2Primary@thegrangeacademy.co.uk

Messages and information will be shared on;

The school website www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk

Twitter @Grange_School

Instagram thegrangeacademy

Facebook The Grange Academy

You do not need to post anything personal on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram but you do need to access one of these sites to ensure you receive all messages that are shared. Just add one to your phone to keep you up to date.

Your child will bring home their log in details for any school sites we need them to access. Please keep these safe or take a photograph and leave the information in your photos on your phone as a backup.

Pupils can access these sites and activities even if we do not lockdown or they have to isolate, however should they be unable to attend school and are well then we hope that the information contained in this letter will support their continued learning and progress.

We hope that we are able to remain in school as long as possible and will continue to provide pupils with a quality education each day. If you require any further information or support, please contact school.

Yours sincerely



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