



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Although we are uploading home learning each week onto our website to complete ([Click here](#)), there are no expectations from school about what you do or don't do. These are very unusual and unprecedented times. We do not expect you to turn your living room into a classroom, and we do not as parents expect you to teach your children as a replacement teacher. Please remember:

- Our children might be scared at the moment. They see and hear a lot, even when we think they don't.
- Their routines and structures are disrupted. They will feel tension and anxiety from the adults around them. It is a completely new situation for us all.
- Children may expect the weeks ahead to feel like the summer holidays; we know that they will feel very different.
- They may react to all this by changing their behaviours and showing behaviours you have never seen from them before. This might be difficult for you and your family, but it is natural and to be expected.
- Your child just needs these feelings to be acknowledged and to be reassured that you understand that life is just that bit less predictable at the moment.
- We completely also understand the difficulties from the parental perspective especially if you are carrying on with your job and working from home or dealing with poorly children/family members. As staff, we are all trying to do this too.

Under these circumstances, home learning may well add to this anxiety and stress – for them and for you. So, please do not put yourselves, or your child under any pressure to complete any of the work set.

First and foremost, our children need to be reassured, comforted, loved and feel secure more than they need to be learning.

- Spend time together, play games, watch a film together.
- Try to have fun spending time together. Your child's emotional and mental wellbeing, and yours, is far more important than anything else.
- Try and keep children in a daily routine or structure in which they feel most secure
- There needs to be a balance – home learning is not about teaching them or home schooling but to keep the children going so when they do come back there has been some working routine taking place

Encouraging your child to read daily, would be our main request at this time. Whether that is their school reading book, comics, recipes or instructions to make something, it doesn't matter – it all counts as reading! Links to lots of free ebooks are on the website - [Click here](#)

Our other request would be to ask you, to try to get your child to improve their times table knowledge, and knowledge of number bonds. Just a few minutes a day will make a difference, you can do this by getting them on TT Rockstar's and Numbots - [Click here](#)

One final thing that could really help, and is easy to do, is to get them on to Spelling Shed. This is a fun, interactive game to help with spellings - [Click here](#)

Please feel free to contact the school email welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk to ask any questions, queries or concerns you may have. This email is checked on a regular basis.

Remember the most important thing at the moment is to stay home and stay safe,

We look forward to seeing you all again soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Campbell'.

Mrs Emma Campbell
Deputy Headteacher