

CORINTHIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY AND DAYCARE



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Distance Learning (learning at home)

When school initially shut down for the Lockdown on 20.03.20 our school was closed to staff and children alike. To ensure we maintained a community presence we bought into a service called **Tapestry**.

Tapestry is a digital platform that enables us to send out work and fun activities to all families who sign up. It then allows families to share their child's work back with school staff, who can then admire and celebrate children's work.

We have focused on welfare, fun and community. **Tapestry** itself offers a full English National Curriculum for parents to access if they feel that they want to follow a distance-learning plan. Through **Tapestry** we have fed you relevant links for educational websites to further support you and your families at home.

Learning for the future for children in years 1 to 6:

During these uncertain times, and with our extended absence from school and the classroom, it is clear we need to offer children access to a more formal learning program. We aim to do this through working with the Government backed Oak Academy. The Oak Academy is a group of educationalists, who have put together filmed teachers delivering lessons and structured these to support children learning the National Curriculum at home. As school closed mid year children have only had access to half of their year group curriculum for this academic year. We do not want to put parents and carers in the position of trying to teach new concepts at home; as a result we have selected learning programs for each year group that will be appropriate for the children in maths and English. For their history and geography we have selected different learning areas from those we normally study in school, so we can if need be return to those areas of study when we re-open. This approach allows children to keep their skills active and explore new themes.

The plan is for the children coming into school to follow the same lessons and topics, so that the learning at home and in school is the same educational offer.

To do this we will be directing you to specific areas of **The Oak Academy** teaching sessions. This is to ensure that the children at home who are distance learning can follow the same learning at home as we are sharing with the children who are coming into school (key worker and vulnerable children only).



We would really like all children to have a go at learning alongside us at home.

There are two ways in which you can access **The Oak Academy** weekly timetable that we will be following:

1. We will share via Tapestry: here you can click the link through to The Oak Academy, complete the work then take a picture and share back to school staff via Tapestry. *A good time to share your child's work is after they complete the quiz at the end of the lesson to show their learning.* **No one other than staff can see what you share: children cannot see each other's work.** Teachers can then comment on your child's work and support their learning.
2. School Website: we will have a Distance learning area on the school website where you can access all the weekly plans for each year group.

The children learning in Nursery and Reception will continue to be supported with activities and teacher planned phonics, counting and reading activities as they have been throughout the period of school closure.

If you do not have a Tapestry account you can email Miss Clarke on: d.clarke@corinthian.liverpool.sch.uk and she will set you up. The link that Miss Clarke sends must be activated within 24hours, after that period it will not work.

If you have Tapestry and have not really needed to use it: pop back on and have a look, there are lots of useful links there and staff would love to see your child's work, pictures, cooking, gardening, musical adventures, P.E fun – we miss you and want to see it all!

In school we have set up work-book packs and they are available at the main office from 9:30am to 2:30pm daily. In the packs there are exercise books and a pencil: if you need any specific resources to support this more formal distance learning, please let me know on: f.kelly@corinthian.liverpool.sch.uk and I will work with you to make sure you have the tools you need.

Finally, we would really like all parents to sign up to Parent App, as this is the method we use to send out letters and updates to parents. If you are not set up as a user please contact: corinthian-ao@corinthian.liverpool.sch.uk and we will get an account set up for you.

Hope to see you all in school again soon when it is safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kelly
Deputy Headteacher.