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Guidance for parents of children in EYFS in event of school closure~ Reception.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to outline our provision for your child's learning in the event of a school closure as a result of the COVID-19 virus.

Each day via Tapestry, your child's teacher will post a video of a member of staff reading a story. Some suggested activities as a follow up may also be posted via Tapestry.

An email will be sent via Arbor on the first day of closure, outlining **optional** activities that could be completed at home for that week. Please select some of these activities to complete with your child. Some of these activities can be completed independently. We would appreciate photos of your child completing some of their activities on Tapestry and our staff will endeavour to feedback wherever possible. As part of the activities sent each week there will be one focussed maths and literacy task to be completed with your child.

We have grouped your child to ensure they access the correct work. On your child's remote learning folder it will state their group e.g. jaguar, toucan, tree frog. Reference in emails regarding suggested tasks may refer to these groups to ensure your child is accessing tasks at their level.

Each week we will offer two live Zoom sessions, details and login to be sent out weekly by email. These will include stories, show and tell and scavenger hunts. Please see attached Zoom protocol sheet.

Each day we will send a daily phonics Powerpoint. This may include some videos of your child's teacher modelling the sounds. Suggested activities will be sent to support phonics learning.

We have also prepared remote learning packs of activities for your child. Each pack has a weekly pack within it with any focussed writing and maths tasks printed ready. Please

put any finished pieces in their folder in the correct week packet. Any activities/ work completed should be kept in their folder and returned to us when school re-opens.

We would expect each child to be heard read twice a week. Please try and comment in their reading record book if at all possible. We are happy to give feedback on children's reading if a video is posted on Tapestry. We will endeavour to give extra books before the school closes. Oxford Owls [Free eBook library | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press](#) also have lots of free e reading books.

We will also email a list of useful websites and apps that may support your child's learning whilst they are at home. Please be mindful that any **links to YouTube clips for phonics etc. must be checked by a parent and carer to ensure adverts are age appropriate.**

We appreciate that not all parents will have the time to complete all the **optional** suggestions and activities due to their own work/life commitments. We are however trying to support our children to the best of our abilities remotely and we understand the pressures this will put on everybody.

If you have any questions or queries during the closure please email eyfs@western.n-yorks.sch.uk and a member of the EY team will respond to you in due course.

We appreciate your co-operation and support and will be thinking of all our families during this time.

Kind regards,

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