Emergency School Closure /

Self-Isolation Home Learning Pack

Nursery

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus crisis, we are putting together plans for what to do if the school is forced to close. Please follow the attached advice in the event of forced closure or self-isolation. We are currently still being advised to remain open but this could change at any time.

You can find more information about what they should be doing at [www.wharncliffeside.org/key-objectives](http://www.wharncliffeside.org/key-objectives) - look at ‘Ages & Stages (Early Years)’.

In order to keep you informed, we will continue to update the new Coronavirus page on our website: [www.wharncliffeside.org/coronavirus](http://www.wharncliffeside.org/coronavirus) and contact you via sQuid with any important announcements (e.g. when we decide to reopen the school). You can also contact Mr Gaughan on [headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk) or your child’s teacher ([oknight@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:oknight@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk) and / or [rburgess@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:rburgess@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk))

Thank you for your understanding.

**Reading & writing**

Listen to your child read! Question them about their understanding by asking simple questions about the words or pictures (especially ones that encourage them to ‘read between the lines’). They could then draw a picture and maybe copy a label for it. They could also practise writing their name. Also attached are some simple letter formation & sounds worksheets (they have already done A – G but included for reference).

**Education City**

There are lots of activities to do on Education City ([www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com)) – your child has been given their own (temporary) username and password for this - attached. Please contact Mr Gaughan via email if you don’t have this.

**Maths**

Some important things to practise. Repetition and variation are the keys here.

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| Number   * Play number games (e.g. dominoes) * Counting games (e.g. hide & seek) * Forming numbers in sand * Looking for numbers around the house * Sharing sweets / toys * Begin to write numbers to 10 * Showing numbers on fingers * Counting actions (e.g. no. of jumps / hops) | Shape   * Finding shapes around the house * Make patterns with shapes * Use shapes in building / construction * Use positional language while playing (e.g. over / under etc.) * Beginning to talk about the properties of shapes |

**Art & Craft activities**

* Make a collage
* Make a model of your favourite animal
* Painting
* Using clay or playdough
* Make a twig mobile in the garden using scraps of materials / wool etc.

**PE**

Please follow the latest Government advice about social gatherings etc. If you are self-isolating and feeling well enough, try the ‘Active Families’ activities on our website [www.wharncliffeside.org/active-families](http://www.wharncliffeside.org/active-families) or do ‘Just Dance’ through YouTube!

**Other online resources**

Twinkl are currently offering FREE trial accounts for parents. Please visit the site using the link below and read the terms and conditions before signing up.

[www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents)

Other useful (FREE) websites:

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html](http://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html)

**Other activities**

Learning doesn’t have to be boring - it is important to take care of your mental health and have some fun while you are off! Now is a good opportunity to spend some quality time with your children. Try some of the following:

* Play board games (especially ‘educational’ ones like Scrabble!)
* Do some gardening
* Do some baking
* Sing songs (again, YouTube is a great source of karaoke songs!)
* Get them to help you with the simple DIY / decorating jobs you’ve been putting off!

**Thank you for your support at this difficult time**

In the event that the school is closed for a week or more, we will send additional activities / resources via sQuid and these will also be uploaded to our school website.