



# Ernesford Grange Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your support during the school closure and to key workers who have managed to keep their children at home. Low numbers of children on site has helped us to keep children and staff safe.

Thank you for all your feedback on the school Facebook page, it has been lovely to see all the learning that is going on and to see people sharing ideas.

Next week, **we will be open for all key workers** but would still encourage everyone to follow the government advice and keep your children at home when you can and only use the school as **emergency** childcare.

If you require a childcare place, you will need to call or text the school mobile. You may not always get a response as we are operating on a skeletal staff and may not have members of the admin team in school.

Please remember, our guidance has not changed, and you will have already been informed of your priority group and entitlement:

**We are putting our staff and their families at risk by playing our small part to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus.**

**The whole purpose of the school closure is to limit the number of pupils and staff on site on any one day.**

- We will prioritise **places** fairly based on family circumstances and key worker roles. Children with 2 parents who are frontline key workers will take priority.
- You should contact the local authority if we are unable to provide adequate provision. Your child may be placed at a different school.
- By sending your child to school you are increasing the risk of infection and the infection spreading to other children, your family, the staff and their families.
- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- If you or anyone in your family have any of the symptoms you should not send your child to school and should self-isolate.
- If your child shows any of the symptoms at school, you will be contacted, you must then collect your child immediately.

If your child attends school next week, they will not be taught structured lessons. The facility we provide is childcare only. However, **please ensure they come with their google classroom UN and password written down** so they can learn independently and with the support of the staff who are on site.

Stay Safe,  
Mr Taylor



## Google Classroom

We have decided to use Google Classroom to help support learning at home as best we can. In case you missed it...

### Maths and English

We will use Google Classroom to provide daily maths and English activities. These activities will come with short and concise instructions. These activities will be scheduled.

Activity ideas for science and the foundation subjects will be uploaded on a regular basis and can be done at your convenience with no set completion time and date. There will be instructions and resources provided but these home learning tasks will be more open ended. We will continue to provide home learning projects and any work children complete can be uploaded in the same way as the maths and English work. Teachers will view the children's work but may not always respond with text. Again, please reassure your children their work is valued by their teacher. There will be additional optional learning projects, tasks and learning ideas available through Google Classroom.

At school maths tasks are daily, the actual tasks usually take between 20 and 40 minutes in maths depending on the children's age and ability. English tasks can take a bit longer when completing extended writing.

This system cannot be perfect and at times may not be suitable to your own family circumstances. Everyone's home life is different, but we are doing all we can to make sure children can learn!

Google Classroom is new to us all, how it is used will improve as time goes on.

Any misuse of Google Classroom through inappropriate and unreasonable messages to teachers, **threatening, aggressive or abusive behaviour will be reported to the police. In the event of misuse, the account will be disabled whilst under investigation.**

### It is also worth bearing in mind:

Every teacher has different personal circumstances. Some will be supporting home learning themselves with multiple children of their own. **Some may be on the rota to support childcare at school on any given day.** Some may be self-isolating with Covid-19 symptoms.



## Google Classroom Continued...



### Average attention spans work out like this:

- 2 years old: four to six minutes
- 4 years old: eight to 12 minutes
- 6 years old: 12 to 18 minutes
- 8 years old: 16 to 24 minutes
- 10 years old: 20 to 30 minutes
- 12 years old: 24 to 36 minutes

**So, do not worry if your child loses concentration during a learning task.**

This is a challenging time for everyone and supporting learning at home is not easy. This time will be difficult for children too. They will be missing their friends, the social part of school life and working collaboratively with others.

Children's mental health and wellbeing must come first, the learning tasks set through Google Classroom must not put children under further unnecessary pressure during this difficult time. After tasks have been set, how you manage their home learning is then up to you. You know your child best.

During this challenging period when the schools are closed, children's mental health could suffer. It is paramount that fun activities at home continue and please take the opportunity to do plenty of creative and fun things... cook, climb trees, ride bikes, paint, make things, play games, exercise, laugh and have fun!

**If you are worried that a child may be at risk of, or being neglected or abused, let the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) know**

**Report your concerns by calling 024 7678 8555 or out of hours on 024 7683 2222**



  
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