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Home Learning

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Now that school is officially closed to the majority of pupils, we are starting to receive quite a lot of emails from parents/carers regarding home learning. The easiest way to address these is by providing you with FAQs and answers:

Where can I find Markeaton's Home Learning package?

All our home learning resources can be found on the school website. Click on the link below:

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Home-Learning>

I don't have a username and password for one of the websites, what should I do?

All usernames and passwords were sent home with children before school closed. However, we appreciate that some children were either self-isolating or poorly and therefore not in school when this happened. Over the next few days the school office will be emailing you directly with all the usernames and passwords you need. As I am sure you can understand, with 440 children, this could take some time to complete so please bear with us.

What can I do in the meantime?

Most of the websites we have provided you with don't actually need a username and password provided by school. Take 'Twinkl' and 'BBC Bitesize' for example, you can set up your own account and go from there. We have also provided you with two weeks of activities in the form of a grid (which will be updated). These can be found near the top of the page and most of them, with the exception of a few, are 'unplugged' and don't require a tablet/laptop.

I am concerned that my child has already missed a few days of their 'Home Learning'.

Each parent and carer's approach to home learning will be different, which is why we have put as much on the website as possible for you to choose from. Some will want to structure the day accordingly and some will adopt a bit more of a 'pick and mix' approach. If I use my own son as an example, we are using the first few days to get him used to what is happening and slowly drip feeding some of the activities day by day. It's

a strange time for all children so take it slow to begin with and don't put too much pressure on yourself. Indeed, the weather forecast is good this week, so we will be spending as much time in the garden as possible doing some of the gardening activities that my son's school has suggested!

For now, I think that is all the most commonly asked questions we are dealing with – hope it helps!

In other news, here are some more great links to keep you all busy at home:

SCIENCE:

- **Steve Backshall live.** On Wednesday 25th March at 9.30am Steve Backshall will be live on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. From habitats to holotypes, parasites to padmelons Steve will be bringing the wild world into your living room from his living room.

MENTAL HEALTH:

- www.kooth.com/
- www.qwell.io/

STORY COMPETITION

- <https://www.tomandjack.co.uk/callwritesharecompetition>

Best wishes and take care,

Mr I. Johnson