



Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a testing week for all of us and I am grateful for everyone's patience, co-operation and understanding.

What we are experiencing is unprecedented, it certainly wasn't in any teacher training course and it is a moment that will go down in history.

I really want to thank our community for how they have adapted to everything and how they have supported the school from the early precautions we implemented, up until this point and hopefully in weeks to come.

Also, a huge thank you to all of the children; in this time of uncertainty they have all shown remarkable maturity, resilience and courage. Over the coming weeks it is important that we all support them, take time to understand them and make sure that they feel comforted and safe. I'm sure an extra week, possibly more, off school sounds amazing to them; but when the reality hits, it is important that they are understood, supported and cared for.

A huge thank you to all of the staff for all they have done over the past week. They have supported children, parents, and the school. I am incredibly grateful and proud to have such great staff at our amazing school who have, as they always do, proven that they do so much more than what 'teachers' and those who work in schools are often perceived to do.

It has been great to see a real sense of community grow and strengthen from all of this, people are pulling together in order to support each other.

Teachers have uploaded work onto Google Classrooms, the online learning platform that we are using. Children are expected to do school work during term time, so we would be grateful if you can reinforce this at home. They have also been given a variety of other things from reading books, to work booklets, to home learning books. I have also attached 'Mr Mac's Challenge' to this letter as well as including the logins for Google Classrooms, some useful websites and teachers' emails. Please feel free to contact them through email for any advice, but please be mindful of their working hours.

Depending on how long the enforced school closure will last, we will be updating the online learning platforms regularly with new work or projects to complete.

We will also be putting an outdoor library up outside our school, near the main entrance. We will fill it with reading books that we invite all children to use. All we ask is that the books are treated respectfully, that they are returned in the condition they were found and that you follow any Government guidelines that may apply to you and your family.

In terms of school closure, from 3.15pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we will be closed. This includes Activities R Us.

From next week, commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we will still be open to children whose parents are key workers or those who fall into the other exceptions as set out by Government Guidelines.

**At the time of writing the Government have not released their list of key workers. We expect that provision will apply for families where couples or single parents are key workers.**

When an official list is produced we will notify you. If you think that your job falls under the key worker category, please contact us on both my email below and [secretary@stbryanacademy.org](mailto:secretary@stbryanacademy.org) so that we can plan the required provision.

In the mean-time, if there is anything I or the school can do – which we are permitted to do so – at this time, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Stay safe

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### Useful websites

Here are some useful websites that will encourage and support your children's learning:

**Times Tables Rockstars** – a great way of learning and reinforcing times table knowledge for years 2-6.

[www.play.prodigygame.com](http://www.play.prodigygame.com) – interactive maths games

[www.whiterosemaths.com](http://www.whiterosemaths.com) – maths challenges that tie in with our curriculum

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) – word and sound games

[www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com) – a great reading website for all

[www.literacyshed.com](http://www.literacyshed.com) – a great website that has lots of stimulus for creating stories

[www.uk.ixl.com](http://www.uk.ixl.com) – lots of quizzes

[www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) - enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS for loads of free learning resources for every subject!

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) - the BBC Bitesize website has loads of informative games, videos and revision for all children, especially those who will be doing their Year 2 and Year 6 SATs.

I also strongly advise that you sign up for: <https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/> This gives you and your child access to lots of free learning resources to fit their current learning and needs.

**All of these websites are great to use at any time, so if you ever need any additional learning or have some free time, these are great websites to start with!**

Mr Mac's Challenge  
How many can you complete?

No.	Task	Evidence
1.	Can you read a book in the most unusual place you can think of?	
2.	Write a poem or a rap.	
3.	Build the highest tower you can out of (adult approved) household items.	
4.	Create an obstacle course in your garden or room an adult lets you use.	
5.	Build a den that can fit at least two people.	
6.	Make a card for your family.	
7.	Tidy your bedroom so that it is spotless without your parents asking you to!	
8.	Make a fitness routine and get your family to complete it!	
9.	Give five compliments to different people throughout the day!	
10.	Carry out 3 random acts of kindness.	
11.	Have a game at noughts and crosses – and come up with a winning strategy!	
12.	Sketch an object in your house or garden.	
13.	Make your family laugh.	
14.	Help your parents with a job or chore.	
15.	Design your own indoor sport or game.	
16.	Make a musical instrument using resources in your house.	
17.	Host a talent show with your family.	
18.	Design and create the ultimate paper aeroplane!	
19.	Read, read and read.	
20.	Smile!	