

Coronavirus Closure Update – 24th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and well during this difficult period. The staff and myself are missing the children and hope to see you all as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you to those of you that have supported your children's learning at home during this difficult period. We have really enjoyed the examples of work and photographs that have been emailed in. I am sending out Headteachers awards on Marvellous Me to any children teachers recommend for making a fantastic effort with their learning. It is essential your children keep up with their learning and do at least a little of something every day. We have had some amazing examples of work and other achievements shared by the children. It would be fantastic to see more of what you are up to at home.

If you have not provided us with an email and downloaded the Marvellous Me (Year 1 to 6) or Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) App please do this ASAP.

Emails are our primary source of communication and you could be missing vital information if you are not receiving them. Tapestry and Marvellous Me are the Apps that teachers are using to send out learning ideas and to keep in contact with parents and pupils. Please download the relevant App for your child's age group so we can help you to support your child's learning during the closure period.

To contact teachers directly about learning tasks please use the emails below:

Nursery – mchapman@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
RF - ledgar@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
RS – lstaples-clough@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
RW - ewright@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
1C - cseior@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
1J - jsalt@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
1M - amorris@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
2E - kelvy@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
2P - aplatten@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
2W - cwhinfield@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
3B - ablackburn@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
3P - ipark@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
3T - ataylor@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
4D - vdenham@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
4M - kmellard@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
4W - swoodthorpe@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
5M - mcockerill@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
5R - rcampbell@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
5W - awaller@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
6E - sellis@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
6M - cmawson@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
6W - ewells@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk
ELMS – cking1@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk

For general enquiries please email officeadmin@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk

Children working from home

READING EVERY DAY IS ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE PROGRESS ACROSS ALL SUBJECTS!

Please follow this guidance to ensure your child stays up to date with their learning. Make sure your child does some or all of the following daily:

- 1) Practices their phonics using the phoneme cards or tricky words (Reception) and/or reads for a minimum of 30 minutes (Reception, Year 1 & 2) or an hour (Years 3 - 6)
- 2) Completes at least one maths and one English activity from the work packs they have been assigned. (Reception to Year 6)
- 3) Completes at least one activity from the Enrichment grids (Years 1 - 6) or load a picture/video of your child's learning/play on to Tapestry (Nursery and Reception)
- 4) 30+ minutes on Mathletics (Year 1 to Year 6)
- 5) 30+ minutes on ReadingEggs (Reception to Year 6)
- 6) Take part in physical exercise or play for at least 1 hour. (Nursery to Year 6)
- 7) Spends at least 10 minutes talking to someone about the things they have been doing and what they have learned. (Nursery to Year 6)
- 8) Has a story read to them (Nursery to Year 6)
- 9) Laughs about something, anything!
- * 10) Year 6 pupils completes an activity on SATS companion. – this is still useful even if SATs are cancelled.

Teachers will set tasks and direct you to useful free websites through Marvellous Me (Years 1 to 6) or Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) Staff may even check in with you through school emails or the school phone line.

To access Mathletics, ReadingEggs and a range of other websites that the children use at school please go to <https://therydalacademy.rmunify.com/> and ask the children to log-in with the same log-in and password they use in school.

Latest government advice

For what parents and carers need to know about schools and education settings during the Coronavirus outbreak please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

For information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children are learning at home please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Stay safe! You are in our thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

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