

Coronavirus Closure Update – 3rd April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

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. Remember also that the next two weeks are the holidays (Doesn't feel quite like it at the moment) and they will need time to recharge and relax.

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:

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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 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.rmunity.com/> and ask the children to log-in with the same log-in and password they use in school.

Easter Childcare

Children of Key Workers who have signed up to our Easter childcare should come in through the 'late gate / staff entrance' and be picked up from the same place. Please send children in with toys or games. Remember the provision will only run between 8am and 4pm.

Free School Meals

After the Easter holidays we will be sending out vouchers to those entitled to Free School Meals through the government voucher scheme. More information will be sent out directly to qualifying families.

Closing comments

Thank you to you all for your kind words of support passed on to the staff for all they are doing. We have been sharing the comments and they are very much appreciated. We are missing seeing the children and having our normal routine but are pleased to be able to contribute in some way.

Finally, thank you to all of our Key Worker parents who are putting themselves at risk to make sure everyone else is looked after. You have our love, respect and best wishes. Our heroes!

Yours sincerely,

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