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Dear Parents and Carers

School Closure

As there is a possibility of school closures in the near future we are sending this letter to give you suggestions of activities for your child to complete at home. We think it makes sense to send these sooner rather than later to reach as many families as possible before self-isolation. If any families are already off school and wish to collect a pack they can send someone who is not self-isolating to collect one from the school office. We hope these will be educational and helpful however, we do not want to put extra pressure on families and so please do not worry if you do not complete them. These activities are suggestions for your child's class you may need to make them easier or more challenging depending on your child.

Please look on the Acorn Class section of our school website, which has a home learning web links page with more ideas of ways to support your child's learning at home

www.hallcroft.notts.sch.uk/pupils/acorn/homework-links/acorn-class-home-learning-web-links

Acorn Class Home Learning Web Links

To help to support your child's learning at home please click on one of the pictures below.

<p>To listen to one of our fave stories please click on the picture below.</p> 	<p>For listening activities please click on the C Bees Radio picture below.</p> 	<p>To learn about numbers please click on the Numberblocks picture below.</p> 
<p>For Art and Craft ideas to try at home please click on the Misses Midge picture below.</p> 	<p>Click on the picture below to reach the Purple Mash Site. You will need your email login to access their Mini-Mash page. Please email us if you need another copy of it.</p> 	<p>To listen to the poppy Rhinoceros songs with your child please click on the picture below. To find out more about Lady Rhinoceros go to our Letters and Sounds page.</p> 

Purple Mash

You have recently been given a Purple Mash letter which explains how to log on to Mini-Mash with your child's unique username and password. There are a large variety of activities which children can access here and cover all areas of the curriculum.

Twinkl - a website that teachers use

Twinkl is offering every very parent and carer in United Kingdom access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. This will provide you access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption.

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

Phonics Play – a website we sometimes use in our phonics lessons

A site packed with interactive phonics games, ideas and resources to help children to learn to hear and blend phonemes and read words. It is set out into different phases – in Acorn Class we are focusing on Phase 1.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Reading

Children have been provided with their Easter book from school to enjoy reading at home and there are a wide range of reading and phonics activities on Purple Mash, Twinkl and Phonics Play.

Home Learning Books

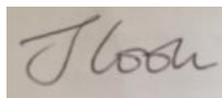
Children have all been provided with a home learning book and pencils to encourage daily mark making at home. You could ask your child to draw a picture about something they have done during the day, or to draw a character from their favourite story or television programme. Your child will have a target relating to writing or mark making on their target pencil, you could help them to work towards this by practising writing their name with them daily and encouraging them to have a go at writing the sounds that they can hear in words. Please encourage your child to talk about their marks and to have a go at writing the sounds that they can hear in words.

We will provide further updates via text and Twitter (@Hallcroft1971) as appropriate. Teachers can be contacted on the class email address acorn@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk. Mrs Cook our Head Teacher and Safeguarding Lead can be contacted on head@hallcroft.notts.sch.uk. School staff will check the email once a day during school hours and respond accordingly.

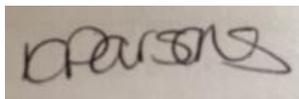
Please remember to contact 111 or your GP if you have any mental or physical health concerns during this time.

Please all look after yourselves and your families, these are unprecedented times and we really hope to see you all soon.

Yours sincerely



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