

# Axbridge Church of England First School Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

May I firstly offer my sincere gratitude to you all, for the support you have offered us, and each other, during this difficult time. It is in moments of challenge that we find support and hope in each other, and this has been so evident in our school community in the few last weeks.

## Home Learning Tasks

You will have received the Home Learning Tasks we have arranged for your children in the run up to Easter, via our School Jotter APP. The children will each have an essentials pack and learning resources to support them at home.

We will continue to communicate with you all via email and our School Jotter APP during this time and for as long as is necessary. Please be rest assured that whilst your child may not be in school, that we remain contactable at all times and are ready and set up to help you through this time together. Any questions and queries should be directed to [sch.018@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.018@educ.somerset.gov.uk) or call us on 01934 732391 and we will respond as soon as we are able.

## Keyworker Children

As advised by the government, we will be open for the children of families where a parent is a key worker and the children cannot be looked after at home, as an emergency service. For those of you we have contacted to confirm your child's attendance at school, please can you bring them to the main school entrance on Monday, in their school uniform.

We will be open for core school hours, 8.50am until 3.20pm. Please collect from the main school entrance also. Therefore, Mrs Maunders Breakfast and Teatime Clubs are now closed, as well as our Busy Bees Breakfast and Teatime club facility. If your children are attending Busy Bees Nursery please drop them off and collect up there.

## School lunches

Packed lunches will be available to all keyworker children who attend school during this time. If your child is in Years 3 and 4, and a keyworker child in school, they will need to purchase these lunches in the usual way.

If your child usually receives Free School Meals (not universal), a packed lunch will also be available for your child to collect from school each day. Please arrive at the main entrance between 12-1pm, if you would like to collect this meal. We will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a national voucher scheme that the government announced.

Please can I also remind those of you now at home, to cancel all future Aspens orders.



## Home Schooling

We are acutely aware of the challenging circumstances you will now find yourselves in. Many of you having to juggle working from home, shift work and attempting to educate your children. With that in mind, I wanted to reassure you we don't expect, or ask you, to replicate a six-hour day at home! Your children will need first and foremost all the reassurance and comfort you can offer, to get them through this anxious time.

We have set tasks that you can fit into a flexible schedule and routine at home. If you can do nothing else with them please, please read! A timetable may be useful, as children will respond well to routine and predictability. It might be worth them popping their school jumper or cardigan on during these sessions as an idea. Your schedule might include two-three hours of learning tasks each day, balanced with fresh air and exercise. Other activities such as baking, painting, nature walks, all have such value.

Many thanks in anticipation of all that you will undertake in the coming weeks. We will miss you, and wish you all well. Stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Lorna Richardson

