



St White's Primary School

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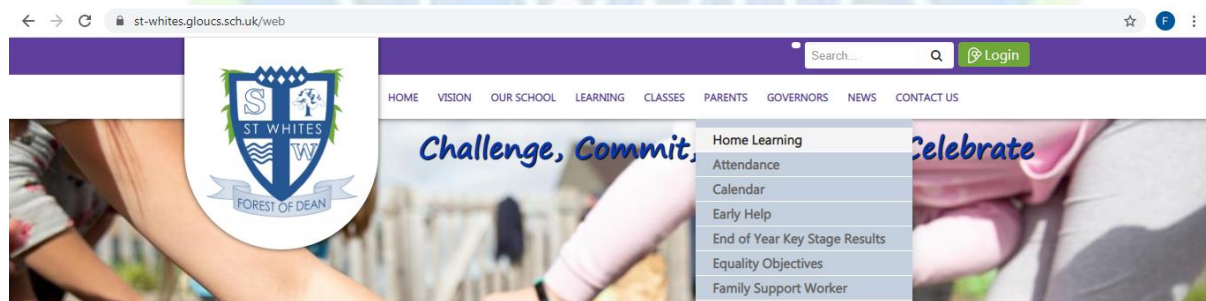


Dear Parents and Carers,

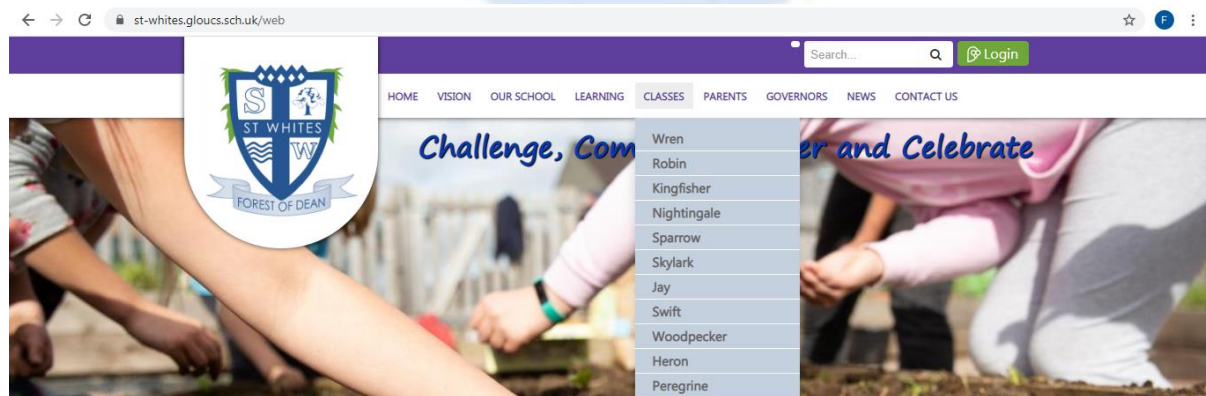
Thank you for bearing with all school staff as we attempt to keep you informed of what is an ever changing - and unpredictable - situation. Thank you also for being so understanding about the government's request that everyone keeps their children at home if it is at all possible. This is absolutely vital to reduce the risk of spreading the infection. However, our children will return to school and we want them to be as well prepared as is possible for this day, which we hope will come soon! I want to reassure you that all staff within the school are committed to supporting all the children through the time ahead.

As we are not sure of the time scales that are involved, you will understand that we could not send home work for the pupils to cover the length of the school closure and so we have a number of communication methods that will be utilised.

For the remainder of the spring term (up to the Easter holiday), you will have a copied pack of work sent home from school for those who attended on Thursday and/or Friday last week. If your children were not in school last week, this work is also available electronically on the 'Home Learning' padlet on the school website and has been emailed through parentmail.



After the Easter holidays, staff will be uploading work on a daily basis in order to support your children and you with their learning. This will be on the school website and accessible from the class pages. (Please ensure that you have accepted all cookies in order to see the padlet page).



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All teachers will aim to make this work as accessible as possible but are also on hand, via class emails, during school hours to support you with understanding the learning the children are being set. The class emails are listed below and will be monitored regularly during school hours. This should enable you and your children to ask any questions, and to share work that has been completed. I would ask you to please be patient with staff though, as potentially answering 30 emails per lesson may take some time. Also, for considerable periods of time, your child's teacher will be teaching in school and therefore may not be available during the school day. Encourage your children to really try hard and talk activities through before contacting their teacher. In order to share work, take a photograph and email it in or upload as a document.

Please submit your work to your class email
 Robin Class – robin@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
 Wren Class – wren@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
 Kingfisher Class – kingfisher@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
 Nightingale Class – nightingale@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
 Sparrow Class – sparrow@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
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 Swift Class – swift@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
 Woodpecker Class – woodpecker@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
 Heron Class – heron@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk
 Peregrine Class – peregrine@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk

To further support you in setting up routines during this time, below is a suggested timetable adapted from our school timetable. Please feel free to use this as a basis for your time at home if you wish.

9.00-9.45am	Maths
9.45-10.00am	Daily mile/exercise
10.00-10.30am	Reading
10.30-10.50am	Spelling
10.50-11.10am	Break time – colouring, mindfulness activities, board games
11.10-12 noon	Writing
12 – 1.15pm	Lunch (including tidying up) and outside time
1.15-1.30pm	Reading
1.30-2.30pm	Foundation subjects (Religious Education; Personal, Social, Health Education; Science; Geography; History; Music; Art, Design and Technology; Computing and French (KS2)).
2.30-3.15pm	Outside time

In addition to the learning that is uploaded, pupils have access to a number of websites and logins. If you are not sure of your child's login, please get in touch with your child's teacher on the email addresses above.

TT Rockstars https://ttrockstars.com/	Times tables practice (Y1 upwards)
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Numbots https://play.numbots.com/#/intro	Key number facts (EYFS and KS1 mainly but logins for all)
Read Theory https://readtheory.org/	Online reading comprehension with staged levels (KS2)
Vocabulary.com	Pupils do not currently use it in school but Mrs Tilling loves it! Create a login for your child to help them learn new words – what fun!
Prodigy https://play.prodigygame.com/	Pupils can complete maths tasks in a game based learning. This may be utilised by teachers who direct you to use it after the Easter holidays.
Spelling Shed https://www.spellingshed.com/	Spelling practice for Y1 upwards
Epic https://www.getepic.com/students	This is a new site we have discovered that has e-books of both fiction and non-fiction.
Teach Your Monster to Read	An app or online game to support phonics. EYFS and KS1 should receive logins.
Phonics Play https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/	This is free at the moment and has phonics games. Username: march20 Password: home

It will be important to stay active during what could be a prolonged time at home. A number of resources are available to support you with this and provide a range of activities:

- Go Noodle is a great site if it is raining! <https://family.gonoodle.com/>. There are guided dances as well as calmer activities.
- PE with Joe! Joe Wicks (The Body Coach) will be running a 30 minute live workout video on youtube at 9am every morning. <https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html?fbclid=IwAR3Wg8liE-1EBSqQuDCthyPHftTqpN-Ec4ot-zCGnvwD7YsQzpaZD9SgSuY>

As most of you will have seen, there are a huge number of resources available for online learning with adverts all over social media. This can seem overwhelming! We will aim to provide you with new websites and resources periodically so that you have new and exciting things to try out during the period of closure.

Please be reassured that all staff are working hard within school and while at home to maintain contact with you as much as we possibly can.

Kind regards

Clare Tilling
Headteacher

