

24th April 2020

Dear Reception Parents/Carers,

Home Learning in Reception from the 27th April 2020

This period has been challenging for everyone and I hope you are all adjusting well in these difficult circumstances. I wanted to get in touch with all our parents/carers keeping their children at home to let you know about our approach to home learning in Reception and what we are expecting from you and your children.

The Reception staff have been working hard to make sure we can continue to provide education for your children and from Monday 27th April, we will be sending, via Tapestry and on the school website, weekly activities you can do with your child at home. If you are not able to access your child's Tapestry account, please send an email to us at: Reception@colindale.barnetmail.net and we will set up your account up for you.

Here is a list of what we will upload on Tapestry each week:

1. A video of a member of Reception staff reading a story. The topic activities we suggest will be based on the story.
2. A Phonics home learning document
3. A Maths home learning document
4. An Additional Activity document, giving suggestion of a few fun and practical activities your child can do based on The World or Expressive Arts and Design.

We have tried to keep everyone's workloads – both pupils learning at home and those in school – appropriate and realistic during this turbulent period. We hope you can understand that we cannot deliver the same sort of education we do when the school is fully open. We have pitched our phonics and maths activities to suit the level of learning for the majority of children in Reception. Therefore, the activities may be too easy or too difficult for your child.

If your child finds the activities too difficult, please do not worry. With phonics just spend some time going over the Phonics home learning sheets sent out in your child's blue Home Learning folder. With maths, you can help your child count to 10 and recognise the numbers.

If your child finds the activities too easy, again please do not worry, you can find lots of phonics and maths games online, with the links we sent to you, to extend your child's learning.

Please do not worry about your children falling behind with learning. Everyone is in the same situation, and when things get back to normal, we will make sure we continue to provide the best education for your child.





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If you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by sending an email to us at: Reception@colindale.barnetmail.net

If you're finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope, call [Family Lives](#) for free, confidential advice on **0808 800 2222**.

If you're worried about the safety of another child in our community, call the [NSPCC](#) on **0808 800 5000**. Or call the police on **999** if you think a child is in immediate danger.

We are extremely grateful for all the support you are giving at home.

Yours Faithfully

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