



# Five Ways Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you are all doing supporting your child's well-being and learning during this time.

It has certainly been a strange and challenging time, so it is understandable if you and your child feel worried or anxious at the moment. I would like to reassure you that we are available to offer support to families as we navigate our way through these unprecedented times.

We miss the children very much, however we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. Even though school remains closed to the vast majority of pupils, this does not mean we cannot continue to work in close partnership to support our pupils. Your children will have many activities and learning opportunities they can become involved in over the summer term, so please keep checking our school website to access these materials by following the link: <http://www.fiveways-primary-school.org.uk> Please see the 'Home Learning' tab, then select the appropriate year group activities for your child. In addition, pupils in KS1 and KS2 have access to Bug Club, MyMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars. If you require technical support to enable your child to access Bug Club, MyMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars, please email your query to [technicalsupport@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:technicalsupport@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk) and a member of staff will be able to support you.

As you may already be aware from previous communication, we are continuing to investigate 'google classroom' however, as previously stated, I have been informed from Staffordshire County Council that this is not something that can be installed and rolled out quickly. I will keep you updated as I receive further information regarding the installation of this program.

Furthermore, you may be aware from the media that The DfE has been working with the BBC, to provide online learning resources that parents can access for your children at home. BBC Bitesize are publishing 3 new lessons every weekday from today onwards, with videos, activities and more! The lessons are tailored to specific year groups and can be accessed by following the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> In addition, you can also access curriculum resources via the BBC Teach website for free; it is home to thousands of free curriculum-mapped videos, arranged by age-group and subject. The link is as follows:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>



As previously mentioned, we would also love to see your child's fantastic learning at home. For this reason, dedicated email addresses have been set up for each year group, whereby parents can send in photographs of your child/ren taking part in learning activities at home. **This service will be available from Wednesday 22nd April onwards.** The photographs will be displayed on our school website so that good practice can be shared and celebrated. If you would like to send in any photographs of your children taking part in home learning, **and you are happy for the photograph to be uploaded onto our school website,** please email the relevant year group as follows:

**Nursery children:** [nurseryphotographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:nurseryphotographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

**Reception children:** [receptionphotographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:receptionphotographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

**Year 1 children:** [yr1photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:yr1photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

**Year 2 children:** [yr2photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:yr2photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

**Year 3 children:** [yr3photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:yr3photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

**Year 4 children:** [yr4photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:yr4photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

**Year 5 children:** [yr5photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:yr5photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

**Year 6 children:** [yr6photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:yr6photographs@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk)

***(Please remember to include your child's name and registration teacher when emailing and look out for their photograph being showcased in due course. Photographs will be published within the 'Gallery' section of our website that can be located by clicking on the 'Our School' tab and following the drop down tab to 'Gallery'.)***

As you are aware, our annual Arts Award celebration in recognition of Mrs Caroline Bowers is going to be adapted to reflect long-term school closure. Mrs Jackson, who is one of our art specialist teachers at Five Ways, has been in communication with Mr Bowers and will inform you of how we will continue to recognise our pupils' artistic talents even when learning at home. More information will follow shortly.

Finally, in line with Government guidelines that remain in place, I would like to stress that no visitors are permitted onto the school site, and this includes family members of those pupils who are learning from home. These measures are in place to protect our school community and halt the spread of the virus. However, please feel free to contact us via phone or email on [office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@fiveways.staffs.sch.uk) if you have an urgent request and it is **absolutely necessary**, as monitoring and responding to these continues to require considerable staffing resources. Almost all of our office team remain in self-isolation or have underlying medical needs and will be absent from school for a prolonged period of time.

As you can appreciate, we are unable to predict when we will be able to open school to all of our pupils fully however, please rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to enable your child to continue learning and to keep our school community connected. I would like to reassure you that we will continue to communicate with you via email, text and through our website so please look out for updates and messages through these systems.



I look forward to writing to you again soon with further updates regarding 'ways of working' however, in the meantime, please remain safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Mander  
Headteacher

