



*Developing Potential without Limitations*

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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all fit and well. As we are now a little clearer on the boundaries of our emergency provision, I thought I would share the latest information been given to schools for clarity:

- The guidance states that if children can stay safely at home, they should (including those of a legal age to stay at home, 14 years), to limit the chance of the virus spreading.
- The Government are asking all parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible. Settings are only being asked to remain open for those children who absolutely need to attend.
- Therefore, if one parent is a key worker, and the other isn't, the expectation is that the children should remain at home.
- If both parents are key workers, but can keep children at home around shift patterns etc., then again the child should remain at home.

The provision is only available for those children who absolutely can't remain at home, the more children who remain at home, the less chance of the virus spreading; which is why these measure have been introduced. Frieth School will be following these guidelines for the foreseeable future.

We are aware that as the demand on the home learning and school website platforms have been massively increased, some platforms are running slower or are struggling to load. Please remember that we are at the very start of something that is likely to go on for several months. Please pace yourselves. Everything we have sent home with the children is for you to use as you see fit, it is not a prescription or an enforced timetable: it is simply the best mix of remote learning we are able to offer at this point. If you use it every day, that's great, if you use it once a week because that is all you can manage, it is not a problem. You must put your and your family's needs first.

You may find it easier to ask your child to do some topic research and come back to the online platforms later in the day. There are also some other wonderful learning activities that can take place while while at home, such as cooking, planting, gardening, designing and creating. I have attached a great PDF of non-screen activities with this email.



With regards the numbers of email communications we have had in school today, please be aware that the school is being opened by a skeleton staff and therefore, whilst teachers are working from home to plan activities and ideas for you to do at home, they cannot answer the number of individual emails that have already been sent in today. To answer some of the most frequently asked questions we have had:

- Please do not send in any work from the packs for teacher's to mark. We will release some of the mark schemes onto the class pages for you to mark with your child.
- Please do not worry if some items of work don't save, your child can write down a log of the activities they have undertaken on a piece of paper.
- Don't worry if you can't access online learning, use the packs and any other non-screen activities and try again later.
- Don't forget to exercise!

I will attempt to provide an email update as regularly as possible. In the meantime, please stay at home and stay well.

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Yours sincerely



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