



# Tannery Drift First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone continues to keep well at this time as we adjust to our new routines with the priority of keeping ourselves, our families and our community safe.

Following on from yesterday's announcement we now know that we will remain closed for at least 3 weeks. What will happen at the end of those 3 weeks is uncertain. I will continue to share any updates as I receive them.

During the upcoming weeks, whilst school is still closed for the majority of children, we will be providing weekly home learning opportunities for all children. These activities will be uploaded every Friday on each class page, via the school website. As I have said previously, education comes in many forms and please do what works for you and your family at this time. Everything below is a suggestion which we hope you will find useful but at the same time please do not feel under any pressure.

To make learning as engaging and accessible while you are at home, we have organised it in the following way:

## Years 1 – 4

Learning can be found on each class page, from the homepage click Children's Zone and then select your child's class from the drop down menu.

**English:** Each week there will be a creative English project for your child to complete. This project will be broken down into five steps/lessons that can be completed at a pace that works best for you and your child.

**Maths:** To continue maths learning at home, we will be using the **White Rose Maths** home learning resources. We have selected this resource as it uses methods and representations that the children will be familiar with. These daily online lessons consist of a video providing a teaching input with an activity sheet to accompany it. There is also an answer sheet for you and your child to assess their understanding. An overview of these sessions will also be uploaded onto the class pages, via the school website.

The English and Maths activities will be updated weekly.

**Reading:** It is important that your child continues to read as regularly as possible and we encourage you to do this. On each class page, you will also find a document which provides a wide range of activities and strategies linked to supporting reading that you could try. If you are finding it difficult to access suitable reading books, there are free ebooks on the Oxford University Press website <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

**Further Activity Ideas:** Also, on the class pages of the website you will find a document offering a wide range of learning resources and ideas linked to a variety of other subjects, including science, art, geography and history. These are suggestions of learning activities that you could use at home with your child, depending on interests.

Reading and further activity ideas are designed to be used across the first half of the summer term.

The BBC are planning to launch some online teaching and learning resources on 20<sup>th</sup> April which will offer further support: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

### **Nursery and Reception**

Nursery and Reception parents are encouraged to continue using Tapestry, which is a great online journal. Our teachers will post ideas of engaging activities that you could try at home. Parents can also share observations by posting pictures and comments.

Please do use the key stage email addresses to share examples of home learning and to speak with a teacher to seek advice if your child is finding learning too difficult or easy:

Nursery & Reception	<a href="mailto:EYFS@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk">EYFS@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk</a>
Year 1 & Year 2	<a href="mailto:KS1@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk">KS1@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk</a>
Year 3 & Year 4	<a href="mailto:KS2@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk">KS2@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk</a>

### **Family Support**

Please visit the Family Support page of our website to find further documents to support learning at home. There will also be a weekly wellbeing activity added to the page. This week's activity offers games to play at home which explore emotions.

If you would like to contact our family support team during this time, you can contact directly at: [familysupport@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](mailto:familysupport@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)

Hertfordshire County Council have shared with us a document to help families of children with special educational needs, this can be found on the Equalities and SEN page of our website, the document is called Coping with Covid-19 Isolation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Tannery Drift team including Herts Catering and the cleaning team for their continued flexibility in these strange times.

Please keep safe and well and thank you for your continued support.

Kind wishes,

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