TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Carers,
So it has been nearly two weeks since school closed. The world around us has changed immensely and we all have new, unexpected pressures to face – parents, teachers and of course the children.

You will all be doing an amazing job in your new role as teachers and I want to reassure you that there is no right or wrong way to approach this. We are all having to create new routines that work for us in our own households and at times this can be extremely difficult.

The learning we are providing for you provides a framework and we appreciate that some days this may not go as smoothly as you might like it to. Keep going... Remember that there is a wealth of learning in everyday activities. Baking a cake, listening to music, singing songs, doing jigsaws, playing board games, gardening, dancing, reading food packaging, laying the dinner table – the list is endless.

Being kind and considering how others are feeling forms a huge part of our Personal, Social, Emotional curriculum and from the lovely artwork I see in the windows when driving into school it is clear that the children are working really hard at cheering up others at this difficult time.



The 'Easter Holidays' are about to start and we shall be uploading fun activities for your children to work on over the 2 week break. Learning from previous weeks will remain on the website but we hope all families will get a much needed break of some sort. We are constantly looking at new ways of supporting learning, please be patient with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to the school staff who have volunteered to work over the Easter break. Other than the Bank Holiday weekend we can remain open for children of critical workers who could not otherwise perform their essential roles at this time.

Finally, what have I learnt this week? That running a school for a handful of children – whether I am based in the school building or working from home - is much harder than I ever imagined. The sunny smiles and laughter of the children currently attending are uplifting and the children are a pleasure to care for - but I do yearn for the day when all 270 are back and life goes back to normal!

Best wishes and stay safe. Mrs Siân Oustayiannis Headteacher

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had a good week. School is a very quiet without you all here. I hope you are working hard for your parents at home.

We are all going through a very unusual time right now and it is taking a bit of getting used to. It can be hard not being able to meet up with our friends and to come to school as usual but this won't last forever and we are all doing our bit to keep everyone as safe as we can. Remember to talk to your grown ups at home about it if you need to.

Try to be positive and always be kind. I am thinking of you all,
Mrs Oustayiannis

HOME LEARNING

We hope that you are finding the home learning that the teachers are uploading onto the website useful:

https://www.telford-

<u>inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/home_learning/457240</u>

New information is being added regularly so please keep checking in.

IMPORTANT - CONTACTING US

If you have any queries or messages please can you email us: admin2326@welearn365.com rather than phone the school office for now.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF CRITICAL WORKERS

Thank you for letting us know the days that you need care for your children over the Easter holidays.

We can confirm that your child has been allocated a place on the days that you requested on the google form you returned to us.

Should you no longer require any of these days please email the school office to let us know.

Times will remain the same:

8.50am drop off

3.20pm collection.

Lunch will be provided.

Please could you send a piece of fruit into school for your child's mid morning snack. Not strawberries, kiwi or pineapple please due to allergies.

Your children have been a credit to yourselves and to the school over the last couple of weeks. The set up is very different from 'normal' school and they have worked really hard to adjust to the changes. Thank you for the support you are providing.

WARWICKSHIRE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Follow the link below for useful information from the Family Information Service: https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrena.ndfamilies