



Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well and safe. Well done for making it to the Easter Holidays. Some of you will be taking some time away from Home Learning and having a well earned rest. Others will be taking a more flexible approach to the holidays. In any event please find an update on our Home Learning below.

Teachers and TA's are continuing to work over the Easter Holidays—but I am mindful that they too, must have some down time. Thank you to all staff for working so hard.

Home Learning - what's coming next?

When will we have more Learning Packs?

Teachers have been very busy designing further Home Learning for your child. The first few weeks of the Summer Term have been developed and are much more detailed than the learning you have received up until now.

Week 1 will be available on the website towards the end of this week. Week 1 is for the week beginning 20th April, however, we are sending this out early in case you are having a flexible approach to the holidays—there is no requirement for you to begin it immediately!

Week 2 will be sent out the following week and so on until schools reopen.

The packs include learning across a much wider curriculum and also include links to online learning. Some of the sites we subscribe to and you will be provided with a log in specific for your child if you do not already have these. These sites enable us to offer a more bespoke approach to your child's individual needs.

Why isn't the school providing remote lessons via zoom or Google Educate?

We have had a number of queries about teachers hosting on line lessons much like the universities and secondary schools. This has been carefully considered and there are a number of very practical hurdles to something that might seem very easy!

- Teaching young children is very interactive and practically impossible using this format. Try teaching your child today from the other side of the kitchen
- Expect for possibly the year 6 children, getting children to all listen at the same time without supervision is impossible. Doing this online would be very difficult
- We couldn't deliver all the content so which bits would we choose?
- Teachers differentiate learning for individuals—this couldn't happen online
- Many of our teachers are like you, working from home, looking after their own children and managing to maintain contact with all of our children and families. Finding 3 hours of peace to deliver a lesson every day would be impossible
- As the virus continues, we do not necessarily have a teacher available for every class
- Not all staff have the training and technology needed in their homes

There are other considerations, however, as it stands we are very much using our time to focus on good quality Home Learning resources and maintaining regular contact with your child. We will always reconsider as the situation evolves.

How do I contact the teachers and the school?

Teachers are continuing to work over the Easter Holidays but please be mindful that they will not reply instantly to calls/ emails.

By telephone—01403 752207 the answering machine is checked every day.

By email—for the office messages@loxwoodschool.com this is checked throughout the day

For teachers

Email your teacher or teaching assistant using the class emails

youngexplorers@loxwoodschool.com

For all other year groups year1@loxwoodschool.com (or year2, year3 etc.)

These are checked regularly and are for home learning queries or for sending in pieces of work that you would like to share with your teacher

The school is open over the two weeks Easter holidays for key workers. Please only use this service if it is your only option.