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KEPS - Update - May Half Term

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone that has managed to complete the provision survey sent out yesterday. Please try to complete a survey for every child in your household regardless of whether they are in one of the selected groups set to return on June 1st 2020 <https://forms.gle/i5B5qw1uMNLu1XVZ7>

It is great to see that children are still engaging with the homelearning tasks set by teachers. I must ask families to exercise their own personal choice and do as they feel fit when it comes to the amount and routine of learning at home. Our provision is simply available to ensure that you have a choice. We want all families to feel supported and we desperately want our children to remain connected to school.

We all understand how families are finding these times very challenging and indeed our staff are too. Several members of staff have keyworker partners and children that are also needing homeschool provision. We fully empathise with the difficulties that many parents are facing.

Next week, school will remain open for keyworker and vulnerable children including Bank Holiday Monday. Whilst staff will be working through this period of time they have been asked **not be respond or deliver home learning support through conference calls and regular messaging via TEAMS or email**. As a school we will respond to safeguarding or emergency needs but staff require time to prepare and plan for starting back in larger numbers on 1st June. We hope that parents understand will support us with this particular decision.

Children will be able to continue accessing Purple Mash, Doodle Maths, Doodle English, TEAMS, ThirdSpace, PhonicsPlay, Doodle Spell, Serial Mash, Times Table Rockstar and all other learning platforms/systems that we promote across school. A general suggested timetable for the week is attached to the end of this letter.

Obviously we would like all families to be able to have a break if at all possible during the week. We really do feel that our online learning provision has been so thorough that children will need some time away from the full package provided. Clearly parents can make their own personal choices about this based on individual need.

I know it may seem very challenging at home and so many of us are living very different lives right now. Please remember that if you need to talk or require support in any way, we may be able to help. Contact us via helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk

Sending you all a virtual 'High 5'! Stay safe everyone and we hope to see you all very soon.

Mr Callaghan-Wetton



Possible Home Learning Timetable

Below is a suggested timetable to support parents if it is felt that your child requires such structure during the partial relaxation of home learning support offered by school staff next week (25th-29th May 2020)

The suggestions will allow learning to continue although we understand that many children have not had any break since the start of the pandemic and maybe now is a time to recharge the batteries.

This plan is simply intended to help and in no way are we suggesting that you follow it explicitly. They are just ideas and obviously every family has their own personal ideas or preferences.

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put dirty clothes in wash basket.
9:00 - 9:30	Morning Walk / Exercise	Family walk in the fresh air - indoor activity (maybe yoga) if the weather is poor or Joe Wicks workout
9:30 - 11:00	Learning Time Maths and Literacy	Doodle Platforms (Spelling, tables, English & Maths), Purple Mash, TTRS, BBC Bitesize etc.
11:00-12:00	Creative Time	Lego, drawing, painting, craft, cooking or playing music - any creative activity
12:00	Lunchtime	Healthy lunch choices made - maybe even make your own!
12:30 - 1:00	Reading time	Reading Time
1:00 - 2:00	Learning Time -Topic	Perhaps use this time to further your knowledge and understanding of one of your favourite topics covered this year at school
2:00 - 2:30	Playtime / fresh air	Grab some fresh air and have time to move
2:30 - 3:00	Learning Time	Newsround - First Newsimprove your general knowledge and talk about news with your parents or friends (TEAMS)
3:00 - 3:15	Spellings	Spellings or talk about new vocabulary with an adult or friend
3:15 - 3:45	Story time / reading	Time to enjoy more stories
3:45 - 4:30	Free time / afternoon fresh air	Electronics could be used during this time if needed
4:30 - 5:00	Job time	Complete chores to help with housework. Cleaning and keeping the house tidy is very important - look after the adults or they can't look after you!
5:00 - 6:00	Tea time	Enjoy a family tea together and chat about your day.
6:00 - 7:00	Family time	Time to be together and enjoy free time with each other
7:00 - 8:00	Bedtime routine begins	Bedtime routine. Bath / shower / supper / cuddles / story / bedtimes will depend on when your adult decides it is time for you to go to bed and sleep.

