

9th April 2020

Ref: Distance Learning

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Easter weekend, I wanted to send out communication to you all around the forthcoming weeks and the provision for Distance Learning that everyone at Taunton School has been working so hard on over the last few weeks.

From Wednesday the 15th April, from Nursery three upwards -- the staff have been busy planning and preparing content for each day. Your child's teacher will be communicating with you and your child each day through Class Dojo, they will then be signposting you to activities and content that has either been uploaded to Class Dojo or Firefly (accessed through the Parent Portal). For those of you who may be concerned about how to do this, there will be separate guidance coming out to assist with this.

The staff intend to provide you with age appropriate, suitable activities and lessons to assist your child in the next steps of their learning. Staff are also mindful of ensuring flexibility and length, in the tasks set -- to support you in maintaining a manageable work/life balance.

Initially, there will be generic lessons, instructions and tasks, for all the children in each class/year group to access. However, after your child has submitted their work to the Portfolio in Class Dojo, the teacher will then be able to feedback to your child and suggest differentiated tasks based on their more individualised next steps.

I am sure that as we progress through the days and weeks ahead, this will evolve as the staff gauge what challenges and inspires the children and what has proved to be more of a challenge to the distance learning. I also hope that this will be an opportunity to strengthen the relationships between your child and their class teacher, as the children bring their life from home into the classroom.

There is a separate suggested timetable coming out to you. From this you will see that staff are going to be available to communicate with you as parents from 3.30 – 4.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions and share thoughts around your child.

More communication around access, timetabling and an overview of the curriculum is being published by TPS and includes information for TPPS parents.

Please do get in touch if you have anything you wish to raise or share. We feel particularly mindful around the children's wellbeing. If there is anything that threatens to compromise this through the curriculum provision, please do let your child's teacher know.

I hope that you are able to enjoy some memorable moments with those closest to you over the next few days and that we will all once again be back in school, as soon as we are able.

With best wishes,

Louise Leah