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HCAT Learning Projects

Dear all,

I am writing to provide you with an update of the Trust plans for the Coronavirus. As a Trust we are now in the advanced stages of planning for an enforced closure by the Government and as such the following steps have been put in place in regards to the teaching and learning of your child during closures.

Every child will now have access to age appropriate planned activities to complete whilst at home (**Learning Projects**). The appropriate resources are all centralised on the trust website (link below). The plans will be updated on a weekly basis for all year groups. Children will be urged to share their home learning through the online learning platform **Seesaw** (**see accompanying letter**). Teachers will then provide feedback and additional learning opportunities where possible. Your child can also complete their learning projects in their workbook that will be sent home.

Learning Projects - <https://www.hcacademytrust.education/hcat-homeworking/>

Why have Learning Projects been created?

Learning Projects have been created as a result of the threat of schools shutting due to the Coronavirus outbreak across the UK. Based on this very real and increasing threat a decision was made to pool a number of curriculum and year group experts from across HCAT to create a set of home learning projects which can be completed by children in the event that schools are closed for a set duration. In creating the Learning Projects, we fully acknowledge that they cannot replace the quality of learning that children receive at school however, our complete focus has been on creating a set of projects that all children can access to maximise their learning whilst at home.

How have the learning projects been created?

- To create age specific learning opportunities for primary school children.
- To create a resource for parents that is easy to access and use - the focus is on parents being able to help deliver the content or children accessing it independently.
- Key learning is linked to the National Curriculum.
- To enable children to continue with their learning at home during an enforced shutdown.
- To enable families to focus on a joint topic and theme to promote family wide learning.
- To provide structure and focus to each day that if and enforced shutdown occurs.
- To centralise online learning resources and links into an easy to manage format for families.
- To unite schools in collaborating for the good of all of our children and wider society at a time of need

Yours faithfully
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Head of School

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