

Dear Parents and Carers

With the Easter holiday commencing next week, I would like to share with you the plans that are in place for you and your children.

This week Bridestowe and Exbourne have facilitated provision for a small number of key workers' children, whilst the vast majority of children have accessed learning remotely from home. This service for frontline workers continues to be available over the Easter holiday. I know that some of you have been waiting for your shift rotas to be shared and that will determine the frequency of provision required. The location for the Easter provision will depend on the number of children and the availability of staff, but our current thinking is that it will most probably be hosted at Exbourne or possibly Okehampton Primary. Either way, there will be members of staff from the Dartmoor Federation primary schools facilitating this, but we cannot guarantee that it will be someone that your child is familiar with. If you are a key worker requiring Easter provision and there is no other safe alternative for childcare, please contact your school via the Administrator's email to arrange this with the Headteacher.

We have been asked by parents/carers if teachers could prepare suggestions for activities that they could do alongside their children over Easter. Teachers are sending out suggestions for you to take part in, if you find it helpful. There are no expectations for any of these to be completed and there will be no feedback from teachers on these activities; it has been a pressurised time for all concerned and everyone needs a break to recharge their batteries. Please access as you see fit.

To create an effective vehicle for you to feedback to us regarding your experiences of remote learning so far, please follow the link below to an online survey. I would be grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete this, as it will help us to improve how we do this after Easter when 'term time' restarts. Please submit this form by midday Wednesday 01.04.20.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N8SRRYR>

Please look out for instructions on how to join in with Classroom Dojo, a vehicle for home and school to remain in contact. This has been trialled in some of our schools to great success and is currently being set up for all six. If you have not received an invite or are having issues setting this up, please contact your school via the Administrator's email.

As I stated in my previous communication to you, we aim to provide an element of choice in the tasks set, as we understand that children learn in different ways and are inspired to engage with different learning activities. If you feel that your child is having difficulty accessing the learning, please let us know, as we are able to adapt tasks to their specific needs.

Please check out a comprehensive selection of over 60 online resources for both primary and secondary aged children accompanying this letter and displayed on your school's Covid-19 Home learning page of the website. In addition, please refer to the safeguarding page on the school website for details on how to keep everyone safe.

Hopefully this bright sunny weather will continue for the next couple of weeks.

Take care and keep safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Whittley', is enclosed within a light grey rectangular box.

Phil Whittley

Executive Headteacher