



Friday 24th April 2020

Home Learning

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well during the uncertain times we continue to find ourselves in.

I wanted to write to you all with regards to home learning, and what you can access to support the children at home. New activities are uploaded each Friday for the following week. We have many routes to accessing home learning materials. You can access a wide range of activities through:

- Our school website – www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com. Take a look at the “Our Learning” tab at the top of the page, and then click on the “Learning from Home” tab
- Our school app (through Jigsaw) found at <https://www.jigsawschoolapps.com/>. Resources and activities are organised into year groups.
- Microsoft teams – your child has been given a username and password for welearn365.com and purple mash, which can also be used to access Microsoft Teams. If your child’s password is not working, please email admin2405@welearn365.com for technical support.

Under the “Learning at Home” tab you will also find links to BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy for further activities. We also highly recommend Purple Mash for a wide range of activities to support your child.

However, please do not put pressure on yourselves to be teachers at home if you are unsure of how to support your child with learning. We appreciate and are aware of the many complexities and barriers of asking parents to help their child learn in the way that a trained teacher would in the classroom.

The most important thing at the moment is to focus on family relationships and your child’s wellbeing. Please try to maintain a balance at home with no more than a combined hour of English or Maths each day (which can be a combination of spellings, reading, designing posters of support for the NHS, multiplication games on Purple Mash etc.). Then also try to incorporate a wider curriculum activity (which can be found in the above forums).

Having experienced the difficulties facing parents whilst trying to work from home and trying to keep young children entertained as well as trying to compete home learning, I fully appreciate that it’s not always possible to squeeze everything in. But you are all doing brilliantly, and I am keen for you all to know that. Please don’t beat yourself up if you didn’t manage to help your child to complete a maths activity today. It’s OK not to do everything. And it’s OK to focus on your child’s emotional wellbeing rather than their academic status at this moment in time.

If you are confident with helping children to learn at home, a good routine with clear expectations throughout the day is a good place to start so that children know what is expected of them. This could be an activity you could do as a family, each bringing to the discussion a list of things you want to do during the day. Planning this together can help create a more consistent routine.

Learning can take place in a wide range of places and through an even wider range of activities. We have recently posted some great ideas about this on our new Facebook page and twitter page (also see below).

If you would like any ideas, support or advice, please contact the school. We are still here to help as much as we can.

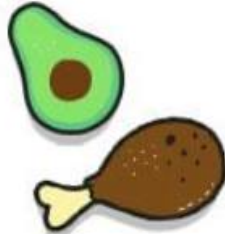
Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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Everyday Activities That Count as Learning

1. Cooking & Baking



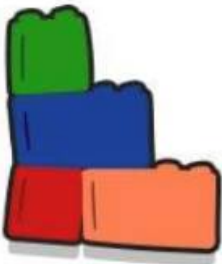
2. Meal Planning

3. Budgeting



4. Checking the Weather Forecast

5. Building with LEGO



6. Playing Card Games

7. Playing Board Games



8. Doing Puzzles

9. Imaginative Play



10. Listening to Music

11. Reading



12. Coloring, Drawing, Painting

13. Listening to Podcasts or Audiobooks



14. Writing Letters or Emails

15. Taking a Walk



16. Cleaning & Doing Chores