

### Home Learning for Lockdown 3

Palatine Primary School are following government guidance during the third national lockdown. Children of critical workers and children who are vulnerable are priorities for spaces at school. The difficulty is that all special schools are for vulnerable children yet we could not safely open for all pupils whilst following the guidance. We will continue to review the places we are able to offer and take into account each family's situation.

#### Contact

- Each week parents and carers will be contacted by Steph Marrett, Kaarina Dougherty, Frances Hodges or Charlotte Howting for a wellbeing call.
- Parents and carers will have weekly contact from their child's class teacher. This may be via phone call, email or video call.
- If you need any support, you do not need to wait for these phone calls. Please contact the school office via phone (01903 242835) or email ([office@palatineschool.org](mailto:office@palatineschool.org)) or email your child's class teacher and we will be able to support you

#### How our children learn

At Palatine we know that all of our children need lots of repetition to help them learn. At school there are lots of opportunities for children to practice the skills we are teaching using different resources, with different people and in different settings. By giving children lots of practise at using and applying their learning we are ensuring that it is secure.

Your child may receive some paperbased learning activities but these are not appropriate for all of our pupils. We know that children learn through play and at Palatine we value the importance of play for all children. Play is very motivating and gives children opportunities to be exposed to, develop and practise a wide range of skills, including counting, mark making and experimenting. In the home learning pack you receive there will be ideas for play which you can use with your child. Sometimes people think that play is "not real learning" but play is fundamental to children's development.

#### Our home learning provision

Families will be provided with ideas for activities which can be used to support children while they are at home. These ideas will be based around your child's current topic. Because we know that children need lots of repetition, we will not be providing a huge quantity of activities, instead we suggest that parents and carers use these ideas and give children opportunities to repeat and practise

their learning. Doing the same activity with different objects is a great way to do this.

School staff will support families to access home learning, including writing social stories, creating timetables, symbols and other resources as needed. If you need any additional home learning, have any concerns or different activities for your child, please contact your child's class teacher.

What will you receive?

At the start of lockdown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents and carers will receive a home learning pack from their child's class teacher, these are also available to download from our website <a href="https://palatineschool.org/home-learning-activities/">https://palatineschool.org/home-learning-activities/</a></li> </ul>
Each week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each week parents and carers will be contacted by their child's class teacher via phone, email or video call. The class teacher will provide additional home learning as needed.</li> <li>Each week parents and carers will receive a wellbeing call</li> <li>You will receive a phonics video and phonics activities to support your child at home. These will be sent via email and videos will be uploaded to the Palatine School Youtube channel.</li> <li>Reading books are available</li> </ul>
Website and social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our website has lots of videos to support children's learning which can be accessed over and over again. These can also be accessed on the Palatine School Youtube channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GICxV1BpWORGHwl7pJhTw/playlists">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GICxV1BpWORGHwl7pJhTw/playlists</a></li> <li>You will receive regular emails with links to videos which support your child's current topic</li> </ul>

What are we asking from parents and carers?

Each week, please can parents and carers send photos, scanned or photographed work or comments about what their child has done to their class teacher via email or posted to the school Facebook page. We can provide books for parents and carers to record what their child has been doing, please let us know if you would like this.

We know that home learning can be difficult and especially challenging for children with additional needs and their families. If you are finding home learning hard, please contact us and we will support you.