

Home Learning from 8th March 2021

At Palatine Primary School we will endeavour to keep all class bubbles in school at all times. However, the times we will not be able to achieve this is if there is a positive test result in a class bubble, not enough staff due to self isolation or if school is closed as part of lockdown. Additionally, we know there are some children who will not be able to attend school until shielding ends nationally. We will continue to support all children and families with learning at home until they are able to come back to school.

If a child is at home because they are unwell, they need time to rest and recover.

Contact

- Each week parents and carers will be contacted by the school for wellbeing and learning support
- If you need any help, you do not need to wait for this contact. Please contact the school office via phone (01903 242835) or email (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.

Some children have a distinct separation between home and school and find the idea of learning at home very distressing. If your child is struggling to engage with learning at home, we have created lots of ideas to support learning through play and through regular home routines and activities. These can be found in the

Home Learning Activities section of our website
<https://palatineschool.org/home-learning-activities/>.

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 will be related to your child's current topic and as far as possible will match the learning that is happening in school as far as appropriate.

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.

Home learning requirements

We will not set minimum home learning requirements for children. This is because all of the children at Palatine are unique and have different capabilities in terms of learning at home. Your child's class teacher will be able to support you with information about how long your child is able to focus for in an activity and different ways to support engagement.

Structure to support learning and wellbeing

Structure supports children to feel comfortable and safe but do not worry about trying to recreate the structure and routine of school. At school we use visuals to help children understand their day, different children will have specific strategies which work for them. We will support families to structure home learning, including writing social stories, creating timetables, symbols and other resources as needed. Please contact your child's class teacher for more information about what would work for your child.

What will my child be able to access from home?

Home learning packs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You will be able to access our home learning packs and resources from our website: https://palatineschool.org/home-learning-activities/.If you would prefer a paper copy of the home learning pack please let us know and we can provide this, please note due to postage this will not be with you on the first day of isolation.
Purple Mash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All children have a log in for the Purple Mash online learning platform. If you do not have your log in, please contact your child's class teacher and we will resend it

Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each week parents and carers will be contacted via phone, email or video call. Your child's class teacher will provide additional home learning and give wellbeing support for parents and children as needed.
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support reading at home we have subscribed to the Collins Big Cat eBooks library and you will have been sent log in details by your child's class teacher. Your child's class teacher will assign books for your child to read at their reading level
Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where it is appropriate, we are able to offer some Zoom calls for children who are learning at home to help them feel connected to school. Your child's class teacher will contact you about this. Please note this may not be available if the class teacher is unwell.
Nurture support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where appropriate children who are home learning because they are in the shielding group will have access to virtual Nurture and/or group sessions with the Learning Mentor or class staff.
Videos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GICxV1BpWORGHwl7pJhTw/playlists

Accessing home learning

There is lots of home learning content and information on our website and Youtube channel. If your child does not have access to a device which can access the internet and learning apps, please contact the school. We have a limited supply of devices to support children at home and we are able to provide physical copies of home learning packs, please note that these may not be with you on the first day of isolation.

If you are struggling with using any of the websites or programmes we suggest, please contact school.

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.