

EMAILED FRIDAY 8TH MAY - PM

Dear parents,

A strange day today to have a bank holiday celebration during lockdown. We hope primary pupils enjoy their VE Day celebration activities. Please do share photos and videos of what you get up to with us.

We know many of you are starting to ask questions about when school will re-open. The truth is we don't know anything more than the general public at this stage and will await updated government guidance which we're expecting on Sunday and Monday. Parents and pupils will undoubtedly feel the full range of emotions about this: some will be looking forward to getting back into a school routine, others will still have concerns over health and safety. Please do rest assured we will only be re-opening the school in a way which is safe for pupils and staff alike. We will of course keep you updated with our plans in the weeks ahead.

We are thinking about all year groups at this time, but we are particularly aware of the impact on Year 10 and year 12 as they prepare for public examinations in 2021. We will be communicating directly with these parents at the start of next week to make sure our plans are clear. Please see the year group notices below for more information.

In the meantime, do have a look over the KSA [primary](#) and [secondary](#) twitter feeds to share in their wonderful updates of learning at home – we continue to feel very proud of you all!

Onsite provision for small number of pupils

The Younger Years Site remains open to provide childcare provision for families who are vulnerable or where parents work in a role critical to addressing coronavirus. If you're your child to access this provision, please do complete **this form** and we will get back to you as soon as possible to confirm what we are able to offer.

Providing this childcare provision safely and securely for children and staff requires careful planning, so please do try to give us as much notice as possible that you may wish to use it and please also only request it if it is impossible for you to make alternative arrangements for your children so that we can keep as many children and staff as safe as possible at home.

Survey for all KSA families

As part of the Ark network, we are in discussions with Ark and the government about how best to support families at this time and in the future with technology. We and many other schools are relying on the technology at home, but we want to have an up to date understanding of all our families' situations. This way we and the wider Ark network can invest in the right support for our community.

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey here: [Technology at home link](#)

Parent and pupil essential information – survey next week

For safety purposes, we are required as a school to hold accurate contact details, medical information, and certain permissions on our management information system.

Over the last few weeks we have reviewed our records and have made many calls to families to update this information. Thank to everyone who has been so helpful.

We are going to ask **all families** to complete a survey next week so that we can have completely up to date records.

The survey should take less than 5 minutes and will ask you for:

1. Essential parent contact information – both priority contact and second priority contact
2. Pupil's GP details
3. Pupil's medical information (if relevant)
4. Updated media consent
5. And share information about Place 2 Be

The information you return will be kept securely. Even if you think we have up to date information, please do complete each part of the form because we have found a number of records with out of date information over the last few weeks.

We will send the survey out early **next week** to all parent email addresses that we hold on our system.

Primary home learning

- Week 2 of tutorials seems to have gone even better than last week – we learnt a lot from our experiences and your feedback and have so enjoyed spending time with your children again!
- Parents will be receiving their usual home learning packs in the same format in the post next week for the last week of the half term and the holiday challenge!
- Videos continue as usual. We've had some feedback from some parents that the YouTube page is a bit tricky to navigate so we've tried to do some more tidying up. Videos are all now labelled with the date to also try and make them easier to find.
- We hope you are all getting on well with your seed growing projects. A small number of parents have requested additional seeds; we do not have any more on site but they all came from Marks and Spencer on the Edgware Road so if you pop in there and ask for them, you may well get some more given to you free of charge!
- Do let us know how you are getting on with all aspects of the curriculum as we're always looking for ways to improve!

Secondary home learning

We've been so impressed with pupils' efforts in their learning this week – there have been excellent contributions to online lessons and so much fantastic work submitted. (Take a look at the Twitter feed for some stunning examples!)

All pupils need to submit their work at 4pm each day **via Microsoft Teams, not email**, so that teachers can track submissions and give feedback on work more effectively. Please check that your child is submitting work via Teams using the following process:

1. Log in to Microsoft Teams using your KSA email address through this link <https://products.office.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/download-app>
2. Click on the 'Teams' tab (on the left-hand side) and then click on your class Team (i.e. Y8 French)
3. Click on 'Assignments' and select today's task
4. Click on 'Add work' at the bottom of the page
5. Select work from your One Drive or click 'upload from my device' and select work
6. Click 'Attach'
7. Click 'Hand in' in the top right-hand corner

Please get in touch with your Form Teacher or Head of Year if there are any issues.

We are looking forward to our third week of Form Time on Monday morning where we will announce the winners of the Enrichment Challenge! Please support pupils to get logged on to Teams five minutes in advance of Form Time.

Year group	Form time every Monday at:
Year 7	9.15
Year 8	9.30
Year 9	9.45
Year 10	10.15
Year 11	10.30
Year 12	10.45
Year 13	11.00

Primary Maths leader board!

Here are the results from Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars websites. Remember both websites are a great way to keep your children practising maths skills in a fun, interactive way.

For a fourth week in a row our gold medallist for Times Tables Rock Stars is Rayyaan in 5 Norwich! This week Yusho has returned to the top of the leader board on Numbots! Well done to the 4 children in Reception who've made it in to the top 10! Congratulations Neel, Wendao, Ziya and Vedad. Can you challenge yourself to get into the newsletter next week?

<u>Times Tables Rock Stars</u>	Name	Class	Lifetime Earnings
1	Rayyaan	5Norwich	375571
2	Ylli	4Durham	328444
3	Ayaan Ibrahim	5LeMans	377471
4	Zaid	5LeMans	360148
5	Dominic	4Durham	168083
6	Amir	6Nottingham	53601
7	Isa	2Exeter	90968
8	Anna	6Nottingham	14307
9	Mahammed	5Norwich	150584
10	Fahad	5Norwich	133923

<u>Numbots</u>	Name	Class	Coins Earned
1	Yusho	2Nottingham	56308
2	Emily	1Lancashire	35129
3	Neel	RSheffieldHallam	32750
4	Wendao	RRADA	29986
5	Ziya	RRADA	26888
6	Vedad	RSheffieldHallam	22628
7	Shadi	2Exeter	22340
8	Hashem	1Lancashire	21892
9	Kenzy	1EdgeHill	17196
10	Aliya	1EdgeHill	13856

Update on Co2034 from Ms. Loo and the Nursery Team

It has been a delight to work with our youngest pupils during tutorials this week and a pleasure to see so much imaginative home learning taking place. We are especially amazed by the dedication of parents who have tirelessly supported their children's learning by being present in tutorials, ensuring the completion of home learning and maintaining regular contact with the team. We can see that many of our pupils have made good progress due to the consistent handwriting practice and reading you are doing at home. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

The Northumbria team would like to give a shout out to Amir this week for his attendance and participation in our tutorials! It is so great to see him joining in, sharing his work and connecting with his Nursery peers. We can't wait to see more of you next week Amir!

The Southbank team would like to celebrate Liyana who created a beautiful rainbow for the NHS staff at the Royal Brompton hospital. They were so impressed they posted her creation on their social media page. Great work on living our value 'Be Kind' Liyana.

Update on Co2033 from Ms. Lambourne and the Reception team

We have seen so many green fingered Reception children this week! It has been such a joy to hear and see how much care you have all been taking of your seeds, many of you have told us how you are making sure they have water, warmth, light and the nutrients they need to grow.

At this unusual time for all of us, it is nice to have something to take care of and to watch flourish. All of the grown-ups in Reception are lucky enough to have plants to look after too, seeing new leaves and flowers appear brightens up our days 😊

Remember to take care of everyone in your home too, as being kind to each other feels good! Please keep sending your photos in. We cannot wait to find out who wins the competition for the tallest Parsley plant when we get back to school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Update on Co2032 from Ms. Clark and the Year 1 team

What a busy week Year 1 have had! The teachers have received so many pictures and videos of you planting your lettuce seeds. We are so lucky that the sunshine has come out again to make our plants grow big and strong. Hopefully, with some love and care, our lettuce starts to grow over the coming weeks and we will soon have some delicious, healthy lettuce for our salads. We can't wait to see and hear more about what you find.

This week, Miss Clark would like to give Vivi a shout out for the 3D structure she built. She made it out of toothpicks and grapes. It was a very unique shape which Vivi designed specially. Very creative, Vivi! Miss Case would like to give a shout out to Julia for Aiming High and bringing such a positive attitude to learning to her tutorials this week. Mutaz, for always being kind and polite on his phone calls and Ibrahim for Leading the Way, by role-modelling how to edit and improve his English work and handwriting in his Home-Learning Pack. Great job, Edge Hill! Miss Smith would like to say a big well done to Arkan in and his brother Rayan in Y4 New York, for Working Together with Miss Smith over the phone, practising how to get onto the tutorials after struggling in Week 1. She was very impressed with their team work, communication skills and perseverance. Great job you two!

Update on Co2031 from Ms. Braiden and the Year 2 team

It was so wonderful to see you all in your tutorials again this week. We loved how you were all ready to share your ideas and how kind you were at the end of your tutorials by giving your friends shout outs for their hard work. Wow, we nearly had 100% of you attending your tutorials. Keep up the amazing work team! We are so incredibly proud of how hard you are all working at home #AimHigh. The Year 2 team want to thank all of the parents for supporting their children to learn from home, we couldn't do it without you! This week, we have really enjoyed seeing pictures of you growing your lettuce leaves from home. We can't wait to see who wins the competition for growing the tallest lettuce plant. We hope you have a lovely bank holiday completing your VE day activities. Please do send any pictures of you completing your activities to your class teacher, as we would love to see them. Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you again in your tutorials next week on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure you have your English home learning pack ready on Wednesday and your maths home learning pack ready on Friday.

All of the teachers have received some excellent work this week, so please do keep on sending pictures of your work to your class teacher so we can give you a special shout out in our newsletter, on the school Twitter and in our YouTube videos. The Year 2 team would like to give some shout outs this week for excellent work and participation in tutorials.

- Layal and Nelly for working together and building on each other's ideas despite technical difficulties.
- Maryam, Victor and Imran for sharing their home successes and bringing joy and laughter to the tutorials.
- Isa for bringing so much joy and enthusiasm to every online tutorial.
- Shadi for excellent questioning in English.
- Aiza and Maaryam for their maths challenge.
- Ali for his superb expression in control the game!
- Ylli, Path and Omar for demonstrating the school value of being kind by being really polite and using their best manners.
- Khasif for using her loud and proud voice when answering questions in her tutorial.
- Jaber for excellent participation in his tutorials.

Update on Co2030 from Ms. Holmes and the Year 3 team

What a wonderful time the Year 3 teachers had on the tutorials this week, thank you to everyone who came prepared and ready for learning. The teachers have loved hearing about the routines you have set up at home and how you are fitting the learning into your days. The photos, videos and work that many of you are sending to us is bringing great joy and making us feel so proud of your creativity and motivation. Your challenge for this week is to include pictures of you keeping fit and active! On Times Table Rockstar's we have started some "battles" between our three classes – the teachers are getting a little competitive about this, so login in and win some points for your class.

We would like to give some shout out to Noreine, Yaseen and Jamil (from Hatfield) for excellent presentation while working on your whiteboards – this is not easy to do, well done! Al Hur gave some awesome, thoughtful answers to explain his thinking during his tutorial, while Iman and Jemimah showed us all the value of good organisation. Thank you Anjum and Neda for your enthusiasm. Next week we will be thinking all about the story of "Rabbit and Bear" please make sure that you re-read this ahead of our next tutorial.

Update on Co2029 from Ms. Becker and the Year 4 team:

The year 4 team have had a fantastic week with almost 100% of Year 4 pupils attending tutorials! We will continue to work hard to make sure that every child gets a chance to join in with the tutorials to learn and socialise with their peers. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank parents for doing their best in assisting their children in taking part in tutorials. We will continue covering **Maths in our Tuesday** tutorials and **English in the Thursday** tutorials. Please continue logging in before the tutorial begins, so that your child has enough time to prepare the right resources and complete the Do Now.

Year 4 teachers have been impressed by the outstanding pieces of work pupils have emailed them. This work reflects lots of effort and excellent ideas! Continue doing your best Year 4 heroes! Some special shout outs go to:

- Maira - consistently completing her work to a great standard and making sure it gets sent to Mr Shaw every day
- Faris - being super helpful to other children who are having tech issues in tutorials!
- Renad - working extremely hard both on her own Home Learning Packs and to support her younger sister with her learning!
- Najat - being really brave joining in tutorials with her peers!
- Ginevra - being a wonderful, enthusiastic presence in tutorials and always giving kind shout outs to her team mates
- Ahmad – consistently using non-verbals in all tutorials to show great participation and support peers
- Abudi – consistently completing his work and making sure it gets sent to Ms Becker
- Zoir – thinking outside the box to complete some stunning art!
- Tasneem – high quality and very creative written work!
- Mustafa - contribution during tutorials and always having a kind shout out to share at the end
- Saja R - being so prepared for tutorials and showing that she is ready or has an answer using non-verbals
- Elena - being so engaged during tutorials and encouraging others with clicks!
- Riley - Working so hard in tutorials and sharing fantastic ideas for writing with the group
- Amal - for fantastic effort completing Ms Kumar's challenges.
- Nahrain for being so prepared every single tutorial!

Update on Co2028 from Mr. Howlett and the Year 5 team:

The year 5 team have been impressed again this week with the quality of the work produced across all three classes; we've heard some excellent openings to your myths, and would love to read some completed versions so please do email them to teachers!

It has been exciting for us to see the pride the year 5 children have taken in their work and we look forward to seeing more of it in our tutorials in the coming weeks. Our **Maths Tutorial is on Tuesday** and our **English Tutorial is on Thursday**, with your child's tutorial taking place at the **same time** on both days.

Some individuals who have impressed us particularly this week:

- Fajr has been incredibly well-prepared for her tutorials and contributed lots of thoughts and answers to our discussions.
- Alaa has been another active participant in tutorials, sharing her ideas with teammates and always ready with her non-verbals to show her answers.
- Zuzie for aiming high in her creative writing and for sharing her myth for the whole year 5 team to feedback on and be inspired by.
- Patrick for leading the way in the impeccable organisation of all his home learning work and for taking pride in his presentation.

- Elektra has aimed high with some incredibly detailed Humanities responses and shown incredible enthusiasm and support for her team-mates in tutorials. She is truly making the most of her home learning resources!
- Basel has been keeping his team-mates entertained with plenty of cheer and enthusiasm in his tutorials. He is prepared, focussed and diligent in his home learning and a pleasure to teach.

Update on Co2027 from Mr. Holmes and the Year 6 team

Week two of tutorials are done! The whole year 6 team have enjoyed catching up with you all again this week and seeing the great work many of you are doing. We've asked you all to send examples of your writing (for most of you, we'd like to see the toy advert you wrote) so thank you to all of you have sent these through already. If you haven't sent it yet, please email your teacher as soon as possible! And, of course, if there is any other work you are particularly proud of then send this too. Reminder: Monday tutorials will focus on English and Wednesday tutorials will focus on Maths. We will always look at the work from the previous week so that you have had full chance to finish it all before we review it (so next week we'll be focussing on your week 3 booklet).

Lots of shout outs for people doing great work at home this week:

- Soulaiman for some detailed answers using text evidence in tutorials
- Portia for her beautiful artwork and mouth-watering baking
- Hussein for showing a manner of patience and positivity to the group which promotes a great atmosphere
- Bader for being always being ready first and being well prepared for tutorials
- Jade for her preparedness for tutorials as well as her patience and support for others
- Malaak for leading the way on sharing her work in tutorials and being ready to answer lots of tricky questions
- Zakee for his thoughtful letter and taking increasing ownership of his work
- Zainab K for responding well to feedback and editing her answer
- Yasmin for editing her work, taking on board feedback and sending it through to Mr Holmes for more feedback
- Christian for some excellent analysis of figurative language and offering helpful contributions in his maths tutorial
- Amir for his wonderful anime drawings and his work examining character motivations in detail in reading
- Hamza and Omar for being so well prepared and offering helpful contributions during their maths tutorials
- Raene for thinking on his feet and defending a point of view during a reading session
- Aryyan for aiming high in his English work with Mia. They worked together for a whole hour on his writing; defining words, giving antonyms and synonyms and explaining grammatical constructions.
- Sophia for her clear and methodical maths practice

Update on Co2026 from Ms. Griffiths and the Year 7 team

It was fantastic to so many Year 7s in form time again on Monday. A reminder that form time will take place again on Monday morning at 9.15am. Year 7 have been continuing to work very hard and are taking lots of pride in their presentation. Shout out to those Year 7s who have already sent in enrichment challenges – I've loved seeing Ruby and Marwa Shah's photography and I can't wait to see lots more! Thank you also to Yosef Al-Ansy for his book recommendations – keep sending me them! I'm enjoying spending this time reading more than I normally would. Enjoy your longer weekend, Year 7 and get creative with the enrichment challenges!

Update on Co2025 from Ms. Tooze and the Year 8 team

Year 8 have had a lovely week producing excellent work and impressing all their teachers with their progress and dedication. Once again, we have enjoyed speaking to all of you on the phone and over MS Teams. Form time was a success and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday at 9.30am. We have been focusing on extra-curricular learning this week and the teachers have been putting activity tutorials together for students to watch and participate in. Big Shout out to Kira who made some fantastic geometric designs, well done! We are also recording a chapter of Harry Potter each day for students to listen to. We hope you are enjoying it! Have a lovely extended weekend and we will be in touch again on Monday.

Update on Co2024 from Mr. Barton and the Year 9 team

This week has continued to see Year 9 working hard and producing some exceptional work. Form time was a success again and I'm glad that student feedback on the phones has been so positive. We would love to have 100% of the year group attending to be able to share a bit of fun and joy with everyone on Monday morning so please encourage your child to be there on Teams at 9:45.

This week I'd love to shout out to the students going above and beyond in these different circumstances. First, to Emmanuel, whose work in all subjects has been of a superb standard. Well done Mani, keep up your amazing work! Shout outs also to Rawdah, Hazera, Rena, Nathan, Precious, Jana, Sam, Bassil, Roshni, Dawud, Rehan, Walid and Laith, who all have a cumulative payslip of over £500 already! That is down to their consistency in producing excellent work.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and are refreshed ahead of next week!

Update on Co2023 from Ms. Mulvena and the Year 10 team

Teachers of Year 10 are up and running with online live tutorials via Microsoft Teams this week. Well done to all the pupils who have participated in Maths, Science, and Music tutorials this week – you're doing a great job! We know it has been difficult for many families to coordinate the tech which makes this happen, so please do keep contacting us with your technical difficulties and we will do our best to help you.

We are also enjoying hearing about the ways you are keeping busy and creative during this strange time, including press-ups between classes, watercolour and clay arts and crafts, and going on long walks in the evening. We always love to hear about your great ideas for de-stressing and getting a break from your desks.

Special shout outs this week for our top payslip earners: Ayah A, Venus, Alishba, Adam, Fahmidah, Kyle, and Rayan M, and in particular, Farjana Boksh, who has the most Exceptional submissions for this week.

Special notice about Year 10 Parent Information session. Year 10 are at the forefront of our minds as we plan the weeks ahead. Mr Haimendorf, Principal, will be hosting a Parent Information Session for Year 10 on **Wednesday 13th May at 5pm**. He will be writing to year 10 Parents on Monday to formally invite them and give the Year 10 relevant headlines from the government's announcements over the weekend. We ask all parents to attend the online meeting. Parents will be invited through their email addresses with a link.

Update on Co2022 from Ms. Harvey and the Year 11 team

Year 11 have continued to work incredibly hard this week in working towards completing their GCSE courses. Shout out to the following pupils who have submitted all pieces of work on time and to a high standard this week: Hussein, Mahmoud I, Hajer, Kevon, Yusuf, Abrar, Mounir, Sara A, Talal, Sulaiman, Houria, Kidus, Sarah E, Temi, Farrah, Fatima N, Abi and Heba. Huge well done to these pupils, they are all showing high levels of motivation in completing their GCSE course and preparing themselves in the best way possible for September.

By the end of today all pupils will have had a phone call from the KSA 6th form team or the Year 11 team detailing which cohort they will be in from May 18th. Pupils will continue completing their GCSE course until next Friday (May 15th). It is really important that pupils complete all work set for them next week to put them in the best position to be starting their bridging work. From Monday May 18th pupils will complete work in their 3 different cohorts. Please refer back to Mr Haimendorf's email for information on how this will work. On Monday Year 11 will have their last online form time in their Year 11 forms. This will be a lovely time for Year 11 to celebrate the great work they have done this week and to reflect on their time as a Year 11 form. Please encourage your child to be on their form time call with their form tutor at 10.30am on Monday morning.

Thank you again for all that you are doing at home to support your child in their learning at the moment. We really love speaking to you all on the phone each week. Have a lovely weekend.

Update on Co2021 from Ms Mungur and the Year 12 team

Reflecting on another positive week in Year 12. This week several students have been part of a mentoring scheme with McKinsey & Company, a global management consultancy firm. Students prepared questions and topic areas that they wanted to ask their mentor all about the world of business; including: how they got their jobs, their experience and what subjects they studied at university. This has been a really fantastic opportunity for these students to gain a greater understanding of all the different jobs that a business, like McKinsey may do, that they hadn't considered. This is great timing as the students have been starting to think about writing their UCAS personal statements. All students are due to hand in a booklet to Mrs Al-Hariri next week where they reflect on the different opportunities that they have done and how they have benefitted from these.

Next week we are running our 'Seminar Series' for the first time in Y12. Nearly all of the students in Y12 have now signed up for at least one seminar, with some very keen beans (Azizah, Nazifa M, Raihan, Israa A) signing up for multiple! We are really excited for the students to hear from outside employers including Vodafone, Derwent London Plc and international charities. We also have seminars from some of our fantastic teachers covering a range of topics from the impact Covid-19 is having on Business to the Apollo space programme!

I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to returning to normal lessons on Monday.

Update on Co2020 from Ms Manley and the Y13 team

Year 13 have done a great job this week! Year 13 Business students are working incredibly hard ahead of their BTEC deadline next week – they have been reaching out to their teachers and producing high-quality work. Thanks to Ms Harford and Ms Hudson, who have been supporting the students so well and encouraging them every step of the way! A level students are continuing to engage in their weekly work and are enjoying spending more time reading

widely and practising core academic study skills ahead of starting university in September! Students in Year 13 have had check-in calls with their tutors this week, discussing their next steps. Lots of students have now finalised their UCAS choices and are spending lots of time researching their accommodation options at university. Ms Manley has particularly enjoyed browsing the Warwick website with many students and the Loughborough website with Glory! Students should make sure they have completed their applications for student finance. Form time will continue next week on Monday at 11am for all Year 13 students – we have enjoyed hearing them celebrating each others' successes and learning about their new hobbies! We have been so impressed to see how much cooking Fatima has been doing at home. All the Year 13 team are going to attempt to make her cinnamon rolls and chicken katsu curry over the bank holiday! Thank you for all your continued support and have a lovely bank holiday weekend.