



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed



22nd March 2020

Dear Parents,

As you know Birches First School is now closed to children except vulnerable children and those with a Key Worker parent.

I am writing to remind you of the arrangements that have been put in place to support your child and their learning;

Last week you received a Home Learning book. In this book there is a 'homework' style 'project grid' with a number of tasks and challenges in a range of curriculum areas linking to a shared theme. A copy of this grid is also available on the Home Learning area for each class the school website.

Each day teachers will be uploading a set of daily Maths and English tasks to be completed.

You will also find on the school website a number of links to home learning packs that have been made freely available on websites such as Hamilton Trust and Twinkl should you wish to use them.

On our 'Children' tab of the school website you will find a number of links to suggested websites that the children can explore and enjoy including; Education City, TT Rockstars, Numbots and Purple Mash. Any logins you may require have been stuck into your child's Home Learning book or in their Reading Diary.

A reminder to please encourage your child to enjoy a range of books at home to practise and apply their reading skills. When a book has been completed they can complete a book review in their workbook or you could set them some questions about the text for them to answer and show their understanding. A Reading Bingo challenge has been stuck into the Home Learning Workbooks as well as being uploaded to the Home Learning tabs.

Should you require any support during this time please email the office at office@birches.staffs.sch.uk or myself at jferretti@birches.staffs.sch.uk.

In addition to this, teacher emails have been sent to parents of each class should you need to contact your child's teacher during normal school hours.

We remain committed to the safeguarding of all our children and will continue to carry out our duties. Safeguarding concerns can be sent to Mrs Ferretti as Designated Safeguarding Lead or if parents wish to they can log concerns themselves anonymously by calling 0800 1313126.

I would like to thank you once again for your support and understanding during these difficult times. I'd also like to thank you for the many kind messages of appreciation we have received recognising the hard work and commitment of the team. I am very proud of our Birches community!

I hope that all our children, parents and wider family members remain safe and well during this time.

We hope to see you all again soon!

Best wishes,

Mrs J Ferretti

Acting Headteacher



*You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem
and more loved than you know.*