



20th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Ark Swift remains closed to the majority of pupils until further notice.

Learning @ Home

Home learning packs for the next two weeks have been prepared. These provide work up until Friday 1st May.

Nursery and Reception

Packs have been created for children in Nursery and Reception. You can obtain your pack by:

- Calling into school to collect in person – managed with social distancing, of course! You could incorporate a trip to Swift during your daily exercise.
- Phoning the school office to arrange for your pack to be delivered to your home address – this will be delivered tomorrow (Tuesday)

Years 1-6

This time around, physical resource packs are not required – all the learning and tasks can be accessed via the school website. Instructions for each year group have been uploaded to this page of the school website:

<https://arkswift.org/life-school/coronavirus-%E2%80%93-home-learning>

If you are unable to access the resources or tasks online, we can prepare a pack for you. You can obtain your pack by:

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Cultural Experiences

You may enjoy some of the following cultural experiences to supplement the home learning work:

Category	What it is?	Website	Age Group
Crafts & Outdoors	Forestry England have provided a range of experiences for being at home - from craft projects, to VR forest walks, to Gruffalo experiences	https://www.forestryengland.uk/blog/10-ways-keep-the-kids-entertained-through-covid-19	R - Y6
Museums & Culture	Free virtual tours of museums around the world	12 Free Museum Tours	All
Theatre & Arts	Each week the National Theatre is streaming an award-winning	http://ntlive.nationaltheatre.org.uk/	Various

	production on YouTube (available for 7 days)		
Theatre & Arts	Every Friday a classic Andrew Lloyd Webber musical will be available on YouTube for 48 hours.	https://www.youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon	Various
Music	Opens up the world of classical music to 7-14 years old. Explore exciting films, master classes and live lessons	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces	Y2-Y6
Music	Primary school songs covering a variety of topics and themes	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/music-songs-ks1--ks2-page/znrj8xs	Y1-Y6

While schools are closed, we should all continue to follow health guidance.

Find out how to protect yourself here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For further information on the government response, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The DfE have created a page with useful information for parents and carers:

[What parents and carers need to know about schools and education during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

There is a wealth of information on this site and I strongly encourage parents to take a look. It covers topics such as:

- School admissions
- Free school meals
- Keeping your child safe online

Free School Meals

Vouchers have been sent to eligible families for the period 20/04/20 – 08/05/20. This is calculated at £3 per day per pupil. If you require further support with food, we can make a Food Bank referral and we also have some food parcels available for collection from school. Please call the school office or email: info@arkswiftprimary.org if you require either of these services.

Thank you for your support and understanding during these exceptional circumstances. If we can do anything more to help your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Upfield
Principal