



HT's Daily Update - Transition, Communication and Key Learning Links, 06.05.2020

Good morning RHPS family.

What a glorious morning! I hope your mood reflects the lovely sunshine.

The first thing to draw your attention to is that, following discussions with the Parent Council last night, I am going to try to make it easier for you to find the information I share in my updates. I will include the key words of the content in the subject box so you should be able to search it. Hopefully this will be helpful and save you some time.

With regards to transition, I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you that a lot of work is being done and plans put in place to ensure all of our children have a positive transition into the next stage of their learning.

This is particularly pertinent for our children moving from Nursery to Primary 1 and for our Primary 7 pupils moving to high school. We are working with our Senior Managers and Quality Improvement Education Officers to formulate these plans and will ensure that you are kept updated with any developments. Please be assured that we are keenly aware of how important this transition is and will treat it accordingly.

As many of you will be aware the lock down has meant that our plans for the 1140 hours model to roll out have been affected and the movement of staff has been suspended until further notice. The up side of this is that Miss Rebecca Leslie, who was recruited as a Senior Early Years Officer at St. John Vianney's RC, will be back at the Royal High Primary School Nursery temporarily, supporting transition.

We felt it was important to let our returning nursery children's families know that she will be specifically supporting the P1 transition and Karen Marr, our Acting Early Years Officer, will continue to lead pastoral support. We are delighted to have our strong, dedicated Nursery team back together to support our families through the transition from Nursery to Primary 1.

The Senior Leadership Team and I had a really positive meeting with our Parent Council last night. It was really good to have this opportunity to update the members on what we have been working on as a staff team as well as for them to share their questions with us.

One of the key points we discussed was communication. This is something which is of key importance to our children, staff, parents and carers. As I have mentioned previously, over the next two weeks every family will be receiving a phone call from a member of the Senior Leadership Team just to check in. This will give you a chance to let us know how you are all getting on and to ask any

questions relating to your child's learning or for general advice and support. Further to this I continue to encourage you to use our school admin account to ask any specific questions. All of the Senior Leadership Team access this account regularly and will do their utmost to answer your query, supported by input they receive from the class teacher.

We are constantly looking forwards and will continue to keep you informed with any updates to our communication model.

With regards to my activity suggestion for today, I am keen to ensure that you feel you are able to support your child's learning. For many of you there is ample work for your children through the Home Learning Packs, Key Learning Grids and Seesaw Daily Challenges. Some of you have been asking about other supports and I would like to remind you and draw attention to the following options:

- SUMdog - all our children have accounts which you should have the log in details for
- BBC Bitesize - learning across the curriculum
- Mathsfactor with Carol Vordeman - <https://www.themathsfactor.com/> (currently free)
- Daily Live Learning document - I'll reattach this for ease of access

Hopefully that will give you a bit of variety for those who choose to use them.

Please remember that you are under no duress to access all of these resources. As ever your child and your mental health and wellbeing should be front and foremost. Just do what works for you and your family and when.

I hope you have a good day and I look forward to speaking to you tomorrow if not before.

Keep well and stay in touch.

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