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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the possibility of school closures due to Covid-19, many of you are already considering how to best support your children's learning at home. As your child is used to hands on experiences and learning through play, we believe that providing you with lots of paper-based activities will not benefit them greatly. So instead we'd like you to make this an opportunity to provide your children with experiences they may not get in school. We've put a list of ideas and top tips together for you to get started when planning your day.

### **Spend time outside**

No matter the weather, try and spend some time in the outdoors. It doesn't have to be long. Have them play in the mud or splash in the rain. Being outside and getting fresh air provides great health benefits.

### **Challenge the brain without electronics**

Perhaps try sudoku, card games and board games. You could practice letter formation or writing simple sentences. Challenge their brains with some number work. They could practice counting or simple addition. Many websites have put some free learning packs together that you could access and print. A list of these has been added to the website.

### **Creative time**

Creating things can stimulate the brain in many ways. It's motivating, and engaging so make sure you have time for it! They could build with lego, create a fort, draw or paint pictures, play music or cook and bake.

### **Help out time**

Allow your children to learn about the house routines. This will teach them about responsibility and how to respect and help others. Let them wash the dishes or sort out the laundry. Perhaps some gardening or hoovering needs doing!

### **Quiet time**

Make sure your children have time to relax and reflect on their day during some quiet time. They could read a book or do a puzzle. Perhaps they could speak to older relatives and check people are ok by video calling or phoning.

### **Challenge the brain with electronics**

Your children have access to many online resources through their Hwb accounts. They could document their time at home, send an email to a teacher or practice their maths and spelling skills. We have recently sent home your children's login details with more information on how to best use online resources.

There is also a new page on our website with links and resources to cover all curriculum areas. This can be found by clicking the '[Resources for Home Learning](#)' link on the front page of our school website (below the school video). You can also access this by typing <http://www.richmondpark.amdro.org.uk/home/information/resources-for-home-learning/>

**Most importantly, I would like to encourage you to use this time at home to get involved in special activities with your children. Use this shared time at home to work with your child on creative crafts, cookery and games. Make these difficult times memorable times for your family.**

Kind regards,

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