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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to make you aware of some materials that may support your children with home education if they're unable to attend school at this time. In order to provide you with a range of information and for your convenience, most of these are available digitally through our website, but we have included some non-digital ideas to support you also.

I have created 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/> Many of these links have previously been paid websites to support teachers, but many companies have now opened these up for free to support parents at home during this time of uncertainty.

The following tools and materials should prove to be the most useful sources of support for you and your children:

- **Home Learning Menus** – the home learning menus from each class should provide you with a good starting point for your child's current topic work as they include a wide range of activities from across the curriculum.
- **Twinkl** has been opened on an unlimited basis for free for the next month for parents. This website will provide you with worksheets, PowerPoints and support materials on any subject and topic that we teach in school. This is particularly useful as you can search for resources for specific year groups. To set this up, please visit www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code **UKTWINKLHELPS**
- **HWB** – HWB tools (e.g. JIT, J2E, Minecraft for Education, Google for Education, etc) are available to all pupils. Some classes have work uploaded to their 'Google Classroom' accounts which they can carry on with, e.g. Year 5 can continue building their Ancient Egypt and 'Carmarthen Through The Ages' websites on Google Sites.
- **Epic** - Children have access to thousands of books for all reading abilities (including picture books) through www.GetEpic.com, which you will be able to access without restrictions and for free during school times. The class code for Y5/6 is 'kye-6455' and for Y3/4 is 'prq-7731'.
- **Sumdog & TTRockstars** – Children can use these to practice their maths skills and times tables. Log-in details are available on the 'Your Child's Online Accounts' sheet which has been sent home with your child.

To give parents a general idea about our daily routine and length of lessons, you can follow this table below.

9am - 9.30am	9.30am - 10.30am	10.45am - 12pm	1pm – 3pm
Guided Reading	Maths	English	Topic & other subjects, e.g. ICT, Welsh, Geography, P.E., History, etc.

At this moment, we kindly ask you not to email or post completed work to staff or the school, however, please hold on to any work your child has completed as we may be able to put this into their text books when they return to school.

Please note, staff members may be unable to respond to emails and ClassDojo messages during this time, however we will endeavour to keep parents up to date with all the latest information through our social media platforms and our texting service. This is new territory for all of us, but rest assured that we'll do everything we can as a school to support you and your children during this period of uncertainty. Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe!

Kind regards,

Mr D Cooper
(Deputy Headteacher)