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Dear Parents/Carers

After the recent announcements from the Government, we currently have a large number of pupils off school today as well as some staff. We are working on some ideas for suggested work for pupils to do while they are off but in the meantime we would recommend the following:

Reading: Keep reading regularly and as wide a range of material as possible.

Writing: Children could be practising their letter/number formations; they could start writing a diary; when they finish a book, they could write a short book review.

Spelling: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Phonics Play have said that free use of their web site and resources is available during this period. There are lots of fun games/activities that your children could go on. From a phone or tablet may find it easier to use the site www.new.phonicsplay.co.uk.

Maths: Practise number bonds; practise and learn times tables; practise the four basic number operations of + - x ÷

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/> Twinkl have also said that parents can have free access to their resources. There is lots on their web site that your children could have a go at - you should be able to search for specific subjects and year groups.

The following link will take you to the Primary National Curriculum which details the specific objectives for each year group if you wanted to do some specific activities with your child.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Other important school information:

- Swimming lessons have now finished
- The violin concert and the Year of the Bassoon concert will not be going ahead
- Cake sales have been suspended with immediate effect
- Parents' meetings on 1st and 2nd April are cancelled
- There won't be any after school clubs next half term
- In order to reduce foot fall all SEND Meetings that have been planned to take place with Miss Massey beyond Thursday 19th March will be postponed. If your child is due to be seen by an outside professional, for example The Autism and Communication Team or an Educational Psychologist, you will be contacted by telephone for input if the assessment goes ahead but this is unlikely and it is more likely that these visits will also be postponed.

Fair Frome may be able to help if you are at home in self-isolation and are running low on essential food and hygiene items for your family, phone Fair Frome on 01373 488578.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – Vallis First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment.