



Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

I hope you managed to have some sort of Easter break, although probably very different from previous years. At least the sun has been shining which makes everything seem slightly more cheerful.

We have already received lots of pictures from children showing what they were doing over the break – if you would like to share any pictures or videos of your children's home learning, please send them as a direct message on Twitter to @raglanprimary or on Instagram to @raglanprimaryschool

Now we are back in what would normally be term time, please try to encourage your children to complete their daily home learning; I know this is not always easy but if they keep to a daily routine it will help them to adjust back into the expectations of school once we re-open. The teachers are trying hard to send home a variety of activities which will support the children's learning, and will also be interesting, and it has been lovely to receive so many positive comments about what has been sent. If you are having any difficulties accessing or completing what has been uploaded please email the teacher using the class email address or email the school office and they will forward it to the teacher.

We are trying to keep the number of staff on site to a minimum to adhere to social distancing guidelines, which means that there is not always someone in the office. If you would like to contact the school please email rather than phone and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Reception place offers were finalised last week and as usual only children living very close to Raglan were offered a place, down to 0.23 mile, which is even closer than last year. It is lovely that we are such a popular school, but unfortunately it does mean that some parents will be disappointed, as we cannot offer a place to everyone that has applied. Parents of children who have been offered a place should have received a welcome letter from the school detailing next steps. At the moment we do not know whether we will be able to hold our usual welcome meetings and Stay and Play days, but we will keep you informed and are working on an alternative in case this is necessary.

You will probably have heard mixed things in the media about when schools are likely to re-open. The Government has said that a lot of what is being circulated around possible dates is untrue and that schools will only be able to begin to re- open when the five criteria for lifting restrictions, listed below, have been met:

- Making sure the NHS can cope
- Evidence showing a sustained and consistent fall in daily death rates
- Reliable data showing the rate of infection is decreasing to manageable levels
- Being confident in the range of operational challenges, like ensuring testing and the right amount of PPE, are in hand
- Being confident any adjustments will not risk a second peak



We currently have no further information about when this is likely to be; however, what we do know is that even when these criteria have been met there will be some social distancing guidelines still in place, which will mean that the children may not all be able to come back at the same time. We are looking at how we may be able to manage this and will keep you informed about any decisions as soon as we can.

The advice from the government is that children are safer at home during this time; however, we are currently open for a small number of children. If your circumstances change and you require a place, either because you are a key worker without any other childcare or you are finding it too challenging to meet your child's needs at home, please get in touch.

I know that some children and parents may be finding this time more difficult than others. Below are some websites that you might find helpful. (Please click each site to hyperlink to the webpage)

<https://littlepuddins.ie/coronavirus-social-story/>

<https://carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf>

<https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/coronavirus/resources.aspx>

<https://nursedottybooks.com/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus-2/>

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/coronavirus-story-for-children/>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/march/coronavirus-information-for-children/>

Some of our children are enrolled with Children's University. Below is a newsletter from them detailing activities the children can do to earn 'stamps'. I am including it in the general newsletter because there are some lovely activities that all children might enjoy.

Thank you once again to all of the staff who are continuing to come into school to look after the children of critical Key Workers and to all of the Key Workers who are doing such a fantastic job at this difficult time.

Ramadan Mubarak,

Keep safe

Yours sincerely

Kath Margetts
Headteacher

Hello Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed your Easter break and occupied yourselves creatively at home. Even though you are now thinking about your important schoolwork and following your teacher's guidance, there are lots of opportunities to keep earning stamps for your Children's University Passport.

Here are a few ideas for you to try.

Tricia

*Visit this website to learn how children from other countries travel to school.

<https://sn4.scholastic.com/issues/2019-20/090219/how-do-you-get-to-school.html>

You could earn a stamp for each of the activities that you complete on this site. To earn another **stamp**, and just in case you forget, create a map of your journey to school. This could be a drawing, a set of instructions, a 3D model or a document you create on the computer that could include photos of interesting things you pass on your way to school.



*There are many ways that you could earn a **Blue Peter Badge**.

Look at this site and read what you would need to do to apply for one. You may even be able to send a piece of work that you have already done. Get your badge and earn a **stamp!**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-blue-badge>

*Did you visit the Royal Mint website yet? You can learn how money is made and if you are creative then there are activities to complete. There are 2 links below and if you do the activities it could mean 2 more **stamps**.

Build a rocket

<file:///C:/Users/trici/Downloads/Wallace%20&%20Gromit%20Scene.pdf>

Design a new coin <https://www.royalmint.com/globalassets/kids/activity-page/design-your-own-50p-activity-sheet.pdf>

*Just for fun and to give you some ideas, look at the Save the Children website. Lots of interesting things to do and if you learn something new, there's another **stamp**.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/coronavirus-information-advice/keeping-kids-entertained-during-lockdown#reading>

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<file:///C:/Users/trici/Downloads/Wallace%20&%20Gromit%20Scene.pdf>

Design a new coin <https://www.royalmint.com/globalassets/kids/activity-page/design-your-own-50p-activity-sheet.pdf>

newsround

*Check out BBC **newsround** to keep yourself updated and if you develop an activity from this – it may get you a **stamp**.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround> and if you

*Remember to look at our website and the national website for activities that can be completed on-line

- LSEC – <https://www.lsec.ac.uk/children-s-university/learning-destination>
- National - <https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/get-involved/activities-to-do-at-home-and-online/>

Be imaginative and think of activities you could do to earn a stamp, activities where you are stretching yourself and learning something new.

REMEMBER to complete the record sheets to show your teacher the activities you have done and be able to collect some stamps.

ALWAYS ASK THE ADULTS THAT YOU LIVE WITH TO HELP YOU WHEN YOU ARE SEARCHING ON THE INTERNET

ENJOY LEARNING - STAY SAFE - BE KIND

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