

Weekly Newsletter

13 April 2020

STAY AT HOME - PROTECT THE NHS - SAVE LIVES

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well at home. We remain committed to providing you with as much useful information and advice as possible while our schools are closed. If you do have any questions or concerns, you can continue to contact your school in the usual way by phone or email. The Pathfinder central team are also working remotely and can be contacted by emailing info@pmat.academy.

Free School Meals Update

For children who are entitled to a free school meal, the government has launched a national voucher scheme providing a weekly £15 voucher to spend in Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose or M&S. Please check your emails as the vouchers will be sent to the email address your school holds for you. The voucher scheme is a national scheme and we ask parents to please be patient as the roll out of vouchers may not be immediate.

If your employment situation has changed due to the COVID-19 lockdown measures you may now be eligible for free school meals. Primary school parents can find more information and apply for educational benefits on the City of York Council website: www.york.gov.uk/SchoolMeals.

Parents at Archbishop Holgate's should contact the school on reception@archbishopholgates.org to check free school meal eligibility.

Supporting Key Workers

We continue to have provision in place in our schools to support the children of key workers. If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response and you have no alternative childcare arrangements, please contact your school for more information.

JustGiving™

Archbishop Holgate's School has set up a Just Giving page to raise £1,500 to help support families who are struggling.

To find out more and make a donation, visit:
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ahs-unity-fundraising

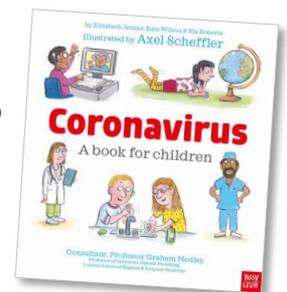
To enable Archbishop Holgate's School (a registered charity) reclaim 0.25p for every £1 please send an email to finance@archbishopholgates.org with your name and address, the amount you've donated so that we can claim the gift aid to further help struggling families.



Easter Craft Competition

Thank you for all of the amazing entries to our Easter Craft Competition. We will be contacting the three lucky winners later this week.

Get a free information book explaining the coronavirus to children. Illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler, the book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds.



To download a copy, visit: nosycrow.com.

Coronavirus: information and advice

We have setup a page on the Pathfinder website where you can find the latest information and updates, including copies of our weekly newsletter.

LATEST UPDATES

Supporting pupils and families learning from home

BBC Bitesize Daily

Beginning from Monday 20 April, BBC Bitesize will be publishing daily online lessons for all ages. Pupils will be able to access regular daily lessons in English and Maths as well as other core subjects.

How BBC Bitesize will support home learning

The Bitesize website you use now will expand to offer additional help for students and their parents. New Maths and English lessons will be available every day for all ages. These will be created with resources from Bitesize, other parts of the BBC and other education providers. The content of these lessons will be backed up by new videos, practice tests, educational games and articles. Regular lessons on other core subjects, including science, will also be available. Mums and dads can get advice on how to teach anyone who is home-schooling and the Bitesize website will also have guides for pupils with SEN (special educational needs).

BBC iPlayer and the Red Button service will host Bitesize Daily. These are six different 20 minute shows, each designed to target a specific age group, from ages five to 14, and for pupils throughout the UK. Experts and teachers will be involved, covering what should be learned that day for the different year groups and key stages. Maths, Science and English will be covered in dedicated programmes, and other subjects such as History, Geography, Music and Art will also be covered.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn9447h>

Pupils and parents should continue to use the many online learning resources our schools are providing each week. If you need any help or support accessing these please contact your school by phone or email.

Explore the world from the comfort of your living room

Use the links below to take virtual tours of famous landmarks, museums, art galleries and much more:

Art Galleries and Museums

- [The National Gallery in London](#)
- [The Louvre](#)
- [Tate Art Galleries](#)
- [Guggenheim Museum](#)
- [Anne Frank's House](#)
- [Natural History Museum](#)
- [Vatican City and Museums](#)



Aquariums

- [Baltimore National Aquarium](#)
- [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)
- [Clearwater Marine Aquarium](#)

Famous Places, Landmarks and Buildings

- [Angkor Wat](#)
- [The Acropolis](#)
- [Canterbury Cathedral](#)
- [The Eiffel Tower](#)
- [Giant's Causeway](#)
- [Great Wall of China](#)
- [Pyramids of Egypt](#)
- [Yellowstone National Park](#)



Space and Planets

- [Aurora Borealis](#)
- [Explore the surface of Mars](#)
- [Solar System Tour](#)



For parents and older children

The Open University are offering free courses that take a number of hours to complete (between 1 to 24 hours). For details, visit: www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue.



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