

Lakeside News

'At Lakeside, we aspire to be caring, confident and capable learners who are encouraged to succeed in today's world.'

Dear parents/ carers,

This my first newsletter in this strange and surreal time that we are all experiencing. I would first of all like to say that I hope everyone is keeping safe and staying well. Although school is open for some children from three of our Kite schools as a childcare provision, I and all of the staff members are missing being at school for our usual business as normal.

I know that many of you have been very busy settling into new routines in your households over these last couple of weeks. For some of you this will have happened easily and for others this will have been more of a challenge. If you feel that you need any support at all during this time, please let me know via the school email address and I will look to see what we can do to help. This might be putting you in contact with the Kite Family Support Worker or just a regular phone call from a member of staff. It really is a time where we need to work together as a community. Here at Lakeside, we want to do all that we can to help.

I have been very impressed with all of the work and activities which I know the children have been completing over these last couple of week. Some children were given home learning packs which I'm sure will be coming to end now. Others of you have been accessing Seesaw if your children are in Years 1-6 or Tapestry for those children in Nursery and Reception. I met with the teachers at the end of last week in the virtual world and they have all been blown away with what everyone has been doing. You have been very busy indeed! We have seen children completing their daily maths and English challenges, some fantastic works of art, families creating a dance routine, science experiments, children gardening, trampoline skills, scootering, skipping, woodwork, cooking... the list is endless. I set a challenge earlier on in the week for children to try to achieve something new. I have been impressed with the resilience that I have seen so far and am really looking forward to seeing more new skills being mastered over the coming weeks.

On a final note, I just want to reassure all of you. This is a new time for everyone and there really is no right or wrong in how we get through. The teachers are uploading work during term time on a daily basis for the children to do. If you feel that there is too much to get through, then get them to do what you see fit to keep their minds working. Wellbeing for all is vital during this time and these are days which you and your family have an opportunity to enjoy together.

I will be in touch again soon. In the meantime, please look after each other and try to have an enjoyable Easter break. The teachers will start uploading work once again on Monday 20th April.

Best wishes for now,

Miss Armstrong and the Lakeside Team

Help Us to Raise Money

Easy fundraising is a great way to help the school raise money. When you do online shopping, just do it through this site at no cost to you, but donations are made to us.

Please sign up for it now!

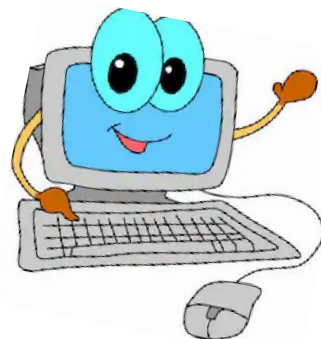


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Online Learning



Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to give us feedback about the online learning on Seesaw (Years 1– 6) and Tapestry (Nursery and Reception) which we have offered the children. On the whole, the feedback has been very positive with what we are doing. However, we have listened to your feedback for improvements as well as taking into consideration the wellbeing and time constraints of the staff and have made some changes to what we offer. If you haven't been accessing these apps and would like to, please contact us at info@lakeside.kite.academy and we will get you set up.

Feedback from Seesaw

What You Said	What We Have Done
<i>We would like to be able to communicate with the teachers without the children seeing what we have written.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We have set up Year group emails which will go directly to the teachers. These will only be available during this time and should be only be limited to questions about home learning. For all other queries, please use the school email
<i>Work set gets lost in the pages of the journal.</i> <i>We spend ages scrolling through a lot of stuff.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All teachers will set work via the Activity section of the app. This will be set daily and work will be dated clearly to show when it was set. It will make it clear if it is daily or weekly work.At the end of every week, the work will be archived so every Monday, there will be a fresh start for everyone. If you still want to add work after this time, please let the teacher know and they can unarchive it temporarily.
<i>My child often spends most of the day trying to keep up with all of the work set.</i> <i>We don't have time to do any fun things.</i> <i>My child is overwhelmed with the amount of work.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher do put more than enough work on there to help manage the children's abilities and speed in which they work. The expectation is that the English and Maths works should take them about an hour a day.On a Friday, we will not be setting additional English and Maths work. This will be a day to catch up on any missed work and to have time to complete the weekly topic activities set.

Other Changes To Be Made

- The adults really love to see all of the other things the children have been up to during the week. However, responding to these each day is taking up a lot of time so we request that you only upload these on a Friday now please unless it is part of a challenge.

If I can't get access to Seesaw...

If you would like your child to access Seesaw, please let us know. It is accessible from any device although the feedback has been that a laptop works better. However, phones and tablets can also work.

If you are unable to access Seesaw, but would still like your child to complete some learning at home, we are now unable to provide new packs for you. I am hoping that in the coming weeks, the new website will be finished so that we can then add some suggestions of learning on there. Watch this space! In the meantime, I have attached at the end of this newsletter the list of free websites which I collated when the school closed and sent out previously. There are many more free sites out there so please do search around.

Emailing the teachers for online learning questions only...

Many of the staff have families of their own so are juggling their own childcare and caring for elderly relatives, being on the rota for the childcare provision for the key worker and vulnerable children at school and keeping on top of the online learning too. Therefore, please be patient in getting a response. Replies will only be sent during normal school hours.

For all other questions/ queries, please use the usual school email address.

The email address for each groups are:

Nursery– Nursery@lakeside.kite.academy

Reception– reception@lakeside.kite.academy

Year 1– year1@lakeside.kite.academy

Year 2– year2@lakeside.kite.academy

Year 3– year3@lakeside.kite.academy

Year 4– year4@lakeside.kite.academy

Year 5– year5@lakeside.kite.academy

Year 6– year6@lakeside.kite.academy

