



Introduction

Bank Holidays

Please note that school is closed completely on Friday 10th & Monday 13th April. Staff are not working on these days from home either so there will be no updates to home learning or replies to comments or emails until Tuesday 14th April.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. I hope that you are all staying safe.
Lee Haynes

How to book a school place

If you have no alternative and are a critical worker, please email office@acomb.pmat.academy with details of what you need. You may only use sessions that match your shifts. You may not book sessions when you are not at work.

If you have already spoken to us this week, you do not need to do this again.

Please email by 4pm on the Thursday of the week before.

Keeping in touch

We are currently using email, texts and the school website to keep in touch. You may also call the school office and leave a message. The office email and answerphone will be checked daily (Monday to Friday).

Uniform

We do not expect children to come to school in their uniform at this time.

Packed Lunches

All children who come to school must bring a packed lunch (and snacks for after school) as our kitchen is now closed.

Coronavirus: information and advice

Pathfinder have setup a page on their website where you can find the latest information and updates from the trust. [See it here](#).

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of certain income related benefits and your child is eligible for free school meals you will receive a voucher via email to cover this. Please check spam and junk folders as it may have gone into there. The email will be from *Edenred*, not school or ParentPay so please check carefully. You need to activate the code in the email within a few days so please look out for these weekly.

Comments and Responses to online work

The staff are working hard to keep things updated online and respond to comments, questions and emails. Please bear in mind that they too need a break and may not be able to reply immediately to everything – they will get round to everyone as quickly as possible though. Urgent queries can still be sent to office@acomb.pmat.academy which is checked daily by the duty member of the senior leadership team.



Free Activities

THE BODY COACH - Daily work out with Joe Wicks (the body coach). Great for all the family!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6v-a_dpwhro

IGNITE SPORTS COACHING - <https://www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk/>

Join Mr Shimmin at Ignite Sports Coaching online on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for daily challenges for you and your children to get involved with! New challenges will be uploaded daily at 3pm.

This webpage is good for **Science activities** at home if you want to try some hands-on activities.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/science-activities> - they are simple experiments for children using household resources and give a simple Scientific explanation too.

Reading

It is wonderful to see so many of the children keeping up with their reading at home. We are so lucky to have this resource and to be able to allocate the books that the children would be reading if we were still in school. If we can keep up with the reading then the children will be able to continue to progress on their reading journey. It is obviously not quite the same as having a real book to read but it is the best thing that we have in these unprecedented times.

If you haven't managed to log in yet and are having difficulties then please message us and we can get you started. If children are really enjoying the books then we can allocate a few extras- just message us and we can sort this for you.

Updates from Reception

Over the Easter holidays we will still post stories and tasks, although these will not include the more formal Literacy, Maths and Phonics tasks. Staff will comment and feedback on posts made showing children's work and progress when possible through the week.

Updates from Years One and Two

Again this week, there will be a Busy Board full of different activities to choose from. Please continue to upload pictures or anything you have done relating to these as we will still be commenting on your work when possible.

Updates from Years Three, Four & Five

As it is still what would have been the Easter holiday, we will not be setting Maths or English work for the children via Google Classroom. This will start again on the 20th April when the new school term would have started. Instead, we have produced 15 different activities that your child can do. The activities are inclusive of everyone and offer a range of skills that the children can work on. Copies will be posted in your child's Google Classroom, on the school website under the 'Home Learning' tab and on Twitter so please keep a watch out for these. The tasks will come in the form of a grid so it's entirely up to you what order you complete these in.

Updates from Year Six

For the weeks for the Easter holidays, we will not be setting maths or English work for the children via Google classroom. This will start back on the 20th April when the new school term would have started. Instead, we have produced two daily activities which the children can do. These include watching live animal and sea life cameras, creating wire sculptures, making paper horses that walk and composing their own piece of music. Year 6 also have their Easter homework packs which they can complete. We would love to see any photos of the children's work so please post them on Google Classroom or Seesaw.