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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning Packs - Summer Term 2020

I hope that you and your family are keeping well and are settling well into a new routine under incredibly difficult circumstances.

I want to update you on how White Spire is going to continue supporting the children at home with their learning in the next few weeks. Many parents have been asking us for guidance on how much work is being expected, and what sort of routine your children should be following. We know these are extraordinary times, and the last thing any of us want to do is to add any extra burden to you or your children. However, we have updated our current homework guidance accordingly.

As you may be aware, the Department of Education has announced an online academy to provide virtual lessons. The Oak National Academy allows parents to access 180 lessons a week for every year group from Reception through to year 10 upwards. It also provides video lessons for students, with each lesson coming with a corresponding quiz and worksheet. Each lesson lasts one hour and the portal provides the equivalent of three hours of lessons a day for primary students and four hours for secondary. To access the Oak National Academy resources, head along to their official website: <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>. From here, you can view lessons by subject and level, or you can follow their planned weekly schedule. In order to make these resources accessible to our pupil's needs, we need to modify and adjust the way we use this. Therefore, we recommend that you use this as per our Key stage guidance attached. We are also recommending BBC Bitesize Daily <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>. You can now access regular daily lessons in English, maths and other core subjects.

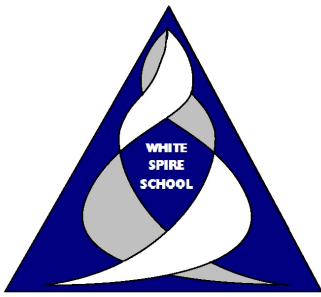
We are also providing additional guidance on computing, science, PSHCE including life skills, establishing routines and general wellbeing.

Please take care and stay safe. We know it is very stressful for you and your families and we send our very best wishes to all of you.

Yours sincerely

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