

Virtual school: The 'new normal'

Our school is now 'virtual', as our children no longer attend a school building. Instead children have to remain at home following government instruction in a response to control the spread of the Coronavirus.

However, learning is very much alive in so many of our homes, despite the challenges for parents homeworking and coping with this 'new normal' way of living.

Distance Learning:

Our teaching team is committed to supporting you and your children. As a school, we have decided to continue the Distance Learning throughout the previously planned Easter holiday. We believe continuing to follow the Distance Learning of Key Lessons and Mini-Challenges and further establish these new routines, following the past two weeks, will help children and families. A change to the pattern we have created in the past two weeks would, we believe, be unhelpful. We will also keep up the phone calls from our staff.

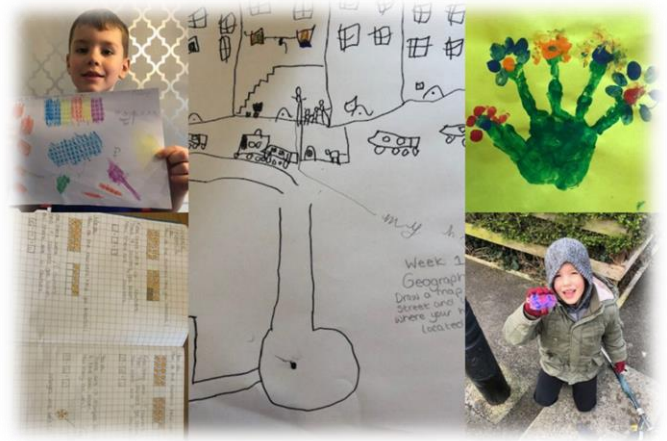
The Distance Learning will continue to be uploaded each Monday onto the class blogs:

- www.preschoolhva.wordpress.com
- www.receptionhva.wordpress.com
- www.year1hva.wordpress.com
- www.year2hva.wordpress.com
- www.year3hva.wordpress.com
- www.year4hva.wordpress.com

If you have any questions or wish to contact your children's class teacher to share your children's learning, you can email them directly. Please note, our office team remain available too, via email, to answer enquiries: enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk

Class emails:

- hvaapple@clf.uk
- hvaacom@clf.uk
- hvaash@clf.uk
- hvabeech@clf.uk
- hvachestnut@clf.uk
- hvacherry@clf.uk
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- hvahornbeam@clf.uk
- hvamapple@clf.uk



Being an artist, geographer and a mathematician!

SEND support

Mrs Dexter has set up an Inclusion blog and contact information, should you require further support:

<https://inclusionhva.wordpress.com/>

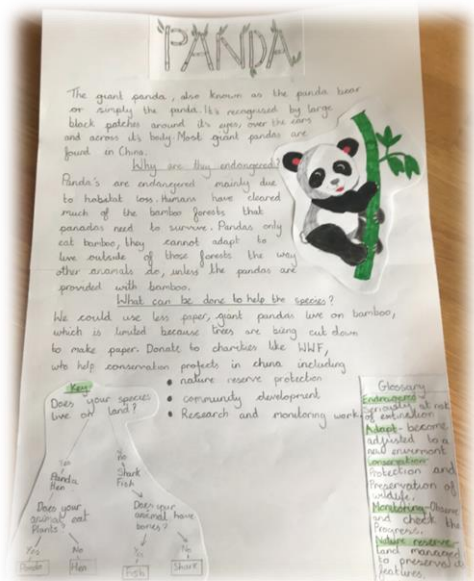
Email: hvainclusion@clf.uk

Do you have to print the Distance Learning?

No. Try, where you can, to record the answers in your books that were sent home. If the questions require a response that seems to expect you to have a printout of the tasks, such as 'shade in' or 'complete the sentence', recreate the task, in pencil/pen, in your child's book.

Will staff mark the learning?

It will not be possible at this stage, but we would like to see it, so send in learning to the class emails. This doesn't have to be pictures but comments are welcome as well. We will aim to celebrate this through the various forms of social media we use.



Learning about animals has continued in Year 4

New virtual reading books: Bug Club



We have recently been given access to enable your children to have more choice for their home reading. Your child's blog will feature your child's login and password to the Bug Club website. Once logged in, your child will have been allocated books by your child's teacher.



← Copying her teacher's Youtube phonic sounds.

Having a go at writing sentences independently having learnt how to blend sounds together! →



We have also set up a Youtube channel to share stories and teaching videos.



Supporting Key Workers

Haywood Village Academy will now be used as a 'Hub' centre for children of Key Workers from CLF academies: Hans Price, Broadoak, Uphill Village and Haywood Village. HVA staff, including senior leaders, will be part of the weekly rota to support the children.

Free School Meals

We have received several enquiries regarding free school meals. There is wide confusion around this and this was further compounded by incorrect communication from the Department of Education to one our own parents this week.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive what is known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

Some children across the school, included those in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are from families in receipt of particular government financial benefits. These families would be entitled to free school meals, even if the government did not offer a UIFSM. Children in Year 3 and above, from families in receipt of particular government financial benefits, are entitled to a free school meal.

The government confirmed that they are not providing families, during closure, with their child's Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM). They are only providing a free school meal or vouchers to those families who are known to the school, who are currently in receipt of particular government financial benefits. The guidance can be found on the formal government release:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>

Be safe and please keep in touch
- Mr Jones



It's a great time to grow. Seeds are hard to get and even online sales may take a month to arrive, but you've now got time to prepare.

HVA's social media:

We will celebrate learning using what we have always used, via @HaywoodVillAc Twitter which links directly to the class pages on the school website: www.haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk You do not need a twitter account.

We will continue to release a radio show each week, which is also on the main school website.

We have used our Facebook page much more recently, @haywoodvillageacademy, to be involved in FacebookLive. We have tried to broadcast live from Monday to Friday, to say hello to families, share news, answer questions and even share a street name where a member of staff will undertake their brief exercise and wave to families.

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