



DILS News

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK: School has closed for the majority of children since Friday 20th March until further notice.

During the Easter Break, the school plans to open to support key worker children on Monday 6th April, Tuesday 7th April, Wednesday 8th April

THANK YOU AND STAY SAFE

A big thank you to everyone who has supported children, staff, school and community over the last few weeks. It certainly has been different, exciting as well as challenging in many ways. What is clear is how wonderful the staff and community of Dunstable Icknield Lower School are and how strong we are when we work together.

Now here is a challenge for your children when you are out on your daily exercise.

Leave your mark by writing short inspirational DILS messages (or drawing a happy picture) for anyone who passes that day. These should be temporary so only use chalk or water (using a water pistol or empty washing up liquid bottle). For example; words such as '#stay strong', '#you are awesome', '#smile' or a picture of a rainbow or a bright sun. Send in your photos and we will add them to the website gallery. Let's connect Dunstable even in isolation!

Thank you – everyone.

HOME LEARNING:

For the Easter Break there will be no new home learning grids sent out. We think the best way to spend time during this holiday period is to play with your child and be as creative as you can. Therefore, there are plenty of hands-on, fun activities on the school website: www.dunstableicknield.co.uk.

They can be found under the 'Home Learning' tab under "Isolation - Fun activities and ideas to do at home". This break is also a good opportunity to discuss with your child any worries, questions or concerns your child may be having about the current situation.

Home learning grids will resume on Tuesday 21st April after the Easter holidays as we expect school still to be closed to the majority of children.

The School website is now full of wonderful learning activities and ideas for you to do at home:

- **Activities and learning that you can tune into from home page**
You will find live channels that you can tune into for some home learning like astronomy space science, marine biology etc
<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Activities+and+learning+that+you+can+tune+into+from+home&pid=84>
- Home Learning ICT with Mr P message to parents about home learning video
<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=49>
- Year 3 & 4 support with French page - resources and videos
<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Year+3+%26amp%3B+4+%2D+Support+with+French&pid=93>
- News & Events: **ARTS EXPERIENCE - The National Theatre is going to stream a free play every Thursday night at 7pm on their Youtube channel.**
<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=News+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=3>

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- **Come to read and learn with us**

You will find links to videos from our **YouTube** channel and other links to support reading;

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Come+to+read+and+learn+with+us%21&pid=81>

- **School YouTube channel**

Subscribe to see your DILS staff reading and showing fun learning challenges

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBbq7KAqMEimG4DoFqOB5A?view_as=subscriber

- **Isolation** - Fun activities and ideas to help children stay entertained

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Isolation+%2D+Fun+activities+and+ideas+to+do+at+home&pid=83>

- **Our Home Learning Gallery**

You will find pictures of children's home learning. **If you are sending in photos, please be aware that these will be shared on our website.**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/gallery/?pid=49&gcatid=4>

- **PE with Joe Wicks and other ideas page**

You will find links to Joe's videos and attached are some PE activities and challenges to try at home

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=PE+with+Joe+Wicks+and+other+ideas&pid=79>

- **Science - Learning at home page**

You will find science resources

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Science+%2D+Learning+at+home&pid=80>

- **E-safety guidance on the new popular app 'House Party'**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=73&action=saved>

[E-Safety - www.dunstableicknield.co.uk](https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk)

- **Mental health / mindfulness for children and parents page**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+%2F+Mindfulness+for+children+and+parents&pid=96>

includes videos of staff, resources and website links to support parents and children

- A message from the Central Beds library - things you can tune into

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Activities+and+learning+that+you+can+tune+into+from+home&pid=84&action=saved>

- **ICT policies updated and uploaded to policy section of website**

Families registered for **Free School Meals** through Central Bedfordshire will begin to receive food vouchers on a term time weekly basis, until schools re-open. If you think your family are entitled to Free School Meals please follow the link below, or contact the Central Beds representatives on **0300 300 8306**.

If your child is younger than Y3 and you are unsure if you are entitled to Free School Meal status, please contact the local authority for more information.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free_school_meals/3

Help for the NHS Nightingale Hospitals We have received notice that there was some fake news going around about sending in photos to an email account for NHS Nightingale. We would like to reassure you that we will be posting our photos on **Twitter** with the **#RainbowsForNightingale**. This will mean that all the lovely drawings children have been doing for the hospital can be seen and appreciated by all. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please continue sending your lovely drawings to dunstable@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk so that we can upload to our social media account.

Parents seeking financial advice - For families who are struggling financially can follow the link below for information and advice:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/26/public_health/737/coronavirus_-_covid-19/8

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and resources for parents/carers: follow the link below for general advice about COVID-19 from Central Bedfordshire Council:

https://m.box.com/shared_item/https%3A%2F%2Fcentralbedfordshire.box.com%2Fs%2Fhgv13pzwscpukp7eg5zp6lmk7rap2hl4

School Vacancies (we continue to plan for school life after Coronavirus):

- **Midday Supervisors** – We have opportunities for relief lunchtime work at our school. You will be supervising children in the dining hall and be responsible for ensuring the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office on 01582 663709 and ask for Mrs White, or email our school office on dunstable@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk

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- **KS2 class teacher and Leader** - This is a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave for one academic year. The closing date for applicants is Monday 6th April. The job is currently listed following the link below:

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/key-stage-2-leader-maternity-cover>