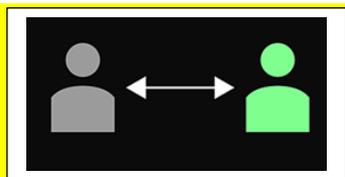


# Newsletter

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I hope that you and your families are continuing to stay well and keep safe. At the moment there is still no information released from the government as to when and how schools may be re-opening. There may be some information released in the government daily up-date today (7/5/20) and on Sunday. We await with anticipation. I will keep you informed of any up-date we have.



## Holiday Dates

**Bank Holiday: 8/5/20**  
SCHOOL CLOSED

**Summer half term:**  
25/5/20 – 29/5/20  
**Last day:** 17/7/20  
**First day back:**  
Monday 7/9/20

## FSM

If you think your circumstances have changed and you may be eligible for **free school meals** please visit:

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/fsm/>

**OFF - LINE Home Learning Packs:** Many families are accessing the on - line learning successfully. I am aware that this might not be the case for all. If you are having challenges using the on-line learning and would rather have an off-line learning pack then please contact the school admin via their email address. The current off-line learning packs went to families last Wednesday and will be up dated after half term (wk bg 1/6).

If you contact the school admin and let them know you would like a current pack please allow a day or to for this to be organised and ready for you to collect from the school entrance foyer. Both on-line and off-line learning can be supplemented with the ideas below:

**Ideas to try at home:** The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) have produced a list of ideas to keep you busy at home. Well worth a look to pick out some activities: [https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/rcpch-and-us-activity-pack\\_0.pdf](https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/rcpch-and-us-activity-pack_0.pdf)

Try colouring this poster which contains many of the government messages and advice: <http://www.scriberia.co.uk/journal/happy-at-home-colour>

**BBC Bitesize lessons** are available daily on the BBC Bitesize website, in special programmes broadcast on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button. They cover a wide range of subjects that are linked to the appropriate year group for your child. These are easily accessible. Next week's timetable is available: [https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zv9nf4j/pdf#sa-link\\_location=blocks&intlink\\_from\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fteach%2Fbitesize-daily-schedules-teach%2Fzdtwjhv&intlink\\_ts=1588846135622-sa](https://bam.files.bbc.co.uk/bam/live/content/zv9nf4j/pdf#sa-link_location=blocks&intlink_from_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbc.co.uk%2Fteach%2Fbitesize-daily-schedules-teach%2Fzdtwjhv&intlink_ts=1588846135622-sa)

Oak National Academy - this academy trust offer a wider range of lessons that are recorded by teachers and supplement the BBC Bitesize lessons. Parent information can be found: <https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils/>

**Message from the Local Authority:** Is having to spend more time at home because of the current crisis causing you anxiety or distress? This could be for any number of reasons. One might be because spending lots of time together just creates extra tension within families, but it will have more impact on you and your children if this extra tension is caused by domestic abuse at home. You might think that domestic abuse is something that happens to other people, but if someone is controlling your mind or finances, hurting your body, or threatening to hurt the people you love then that is domestic abuse. Services are still available to offer advice, help and support during the current situation and you can access a 24/7 webchat facility with Victim Support via the Victim Care Unit website <https://victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk/>

If you, or someone you know, is living with domestic abuse, it is not OK. Always contact the police on 999 if you believe you are in immediate danger. Information and advice can also be found on the Are You OK website together with a directory of services and some useful toolkits.

**Challenge:** In these uncertain times can you set yourself a challenge to learn something new? The internet is a wonderful tool - my challenge for this coming week is to try and make some sourdough bread! Could be messy! What will you try?

**From all @ Watcombe - best wishes, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you.**



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