



CLOSURE UPDATE - 18 JANUARY 2021

We at school recognise the difficulties for our parents/carers who are supporting children with their learning at home. Please do not put pressure on yourself to create the perfect curriculum or fill every hour with schooling. Be mindful of what you see on social media and remember that every family is different. If you're struggling or finding things challenging for any reason, reach out for support and help.

Please find below some useful sites that can support you with the current situation of lockdown:

BBC Bitesize Parents' toolkit – Top Tips Primary

- five ways to build your child's resilience
- how to help your child embrace boredom

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znsmlxyc>

NSPCC – Coronavirus (Covid-19) and parents working from home

- keeping children safe
- mental health

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/>

Online safety tips for parents of primary school children **6-10 Year Olds** – please refer to **attached leaflet**.

'Lockdown Learning' support scheme

DfE support:

The DfE is providing support for parents and children who are having difficulty with on-line learning and their data allowance. If you are having any difficulties please visit <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/> where you will be able to see what is available and if you meet the criteria.

BT support:

For information about what support is available, please visit: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/>

1) Free WiFi vouchers: BT will also distribute WiFi vouchers directly to schools, allowing those families and carers with little or no connection to access the BT WiFi Hotspots available across the UK. For further information click here: <https://www.businessdirect.bt.com/learning-in-lockdown>

Please ensure you meet all the criteria for eligibility before contacting the school.

2) Keeping kids safe, learning and entertained online: BT Skills for Tomorrow provides free support, information and advice on key digital skills for all school children and families. These include a series of educational and fun activities to support home learning for children aged 4-11 years.

<https://www.bt.com/skillsfortomorrow/families>

Keep safe – please email parents@herrick.leicester.sch.uk if you have any questions or requests and we will do our best to support you and your child.