



# Leading Learning Trust



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Dear Families,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and would like to welcome you to the official start of the Summer term. I am pleased we are finally starting to enjoy some warmer weather and the evenings are much lighter for longer.

We have all had to adapt to new ways of living and working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing in supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

I know I speak on behalf of all staff in saying, we miss the children very much, but we must continue to follow the government guidance to keep our community safe.

I am sure you would have seen the government briefing last week confirming the lockdown measures will continue for at least another three weeks. As a school community we are disturbed, by the increasing media speculation that schools will soon be reopened. As we have done so to date, we will continue to follow the government guidance and act with the safety of our families, children and staff at the centre of our decision making. I would like to assure families that the school will remain closed until further notice, except for children of key workers and vulnerable children. We will only reopen schools when the scientific advice indicates it is safe to do so, and will work closely with the government guidance to agree the best approach.

Our dedicated staff will continue to be hard at work this term, supporting the children of key workers and the most vulnerable children who are still attending school. They will continue to provide daily online learning to their classes, colleagues are keeping in regular contact with families on a weekly basis and continue to provide meal vouchers for those who are eligible for free school meals.

### **Home Learning:**

Home learning starts again from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 daily. Daily learning for Years 1-6 will be released at 9am and following feedback from families, children now have up until 8pm to complete the learning tasks.

We achieved 77% of our school community completing their online learning during the last term. Can we beat this goal set this term?

### **Sharing Home learning**



We would love to see the children's fantastic learning at home- please send pictures and captions via our online platforms:

[Portway Primary School Facebook Page](#), and our [Twitter account - @PortwayE13](#).

**Safe and Sound:**

Please take a look at our second edition of 'Safe and Sound', which was sent out earlier today. With the children working more heavily using online platforms as part of their home learning, it's important to ensure we do everything to keep our children safe online while they are off school.

**National Guidance:**

The government have released advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children. I have included the link below:

[Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

All colleagues are doing their best to support our families and children in these unusual circumstances. It is definitely a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We are here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or need any other support from the school, please do get into contact with us, should you need anything;

Learning Support:

[support@leadinglearningtrust.org](mailto:support@leadinglearningtrust.org)

General Enquires:

[info.portway@leadinglearningtrust.org](mailto:info.portway@leadinglearningtrust.org)

**Tel:** 020 8472 7142- please note the office is open daily from 8.30am- 3.30pm (Monday-Friday)

Whilst we are not open fully, rest assured that we will continue to do our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected!

Best wishes,

Scott Chudley  
Head teacher