



### Homework Reminder

#### Wider Opening for Reception, Year 1 & Year 6

I hope you all continue to keep well as further lockdown restrictions continue to be lifted by the government. This week we have welcomed our Year 6's back in reduced group sizes. I am pleased to say the reduced group size approach has worked well and the children have enjoyed being back at school albeit for two days a week. With further time to make preparations we are now in a better place to offer provision for small groups of Reception and Year 1 children from next week in addition to our Year 6 and Key Worker provision. With all of these groups being in school from next week, every classroom will be used (even for reduced numbers of children) to ensure socially distanced seating is possible in class.

There is no further news from the government regarding the continuation of provision for all year groups yet; this is something that we will find out at the same time as everyone else during one of the government evening briefings as per usual. As always, when there is any information available that will impact schooling for your child, I will be in touch.

Mr Khan ☺

#### Deputy Head Role

I am pleased to announce as of this half term Mrs Stops has the new position of acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Stops will continue her class duties as normal and take on her new leadership responsibilities alongside this. In the future, Mrs Stops will also be one of our named safeguarding leads when training for this role commences. Congratulations Mrs Stops! ☺

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 cohorts will receive less work set on Purple Mash due to children being invited back into school. This will help teachers manage workloads. Homework will continue to be uploaded on our school website for these year groups. I would also strongly encourage use of the Bitesize and Oak Academy resources.

**Reminder:** Although there are lots of activities to access and a variety of ways we are providing homework, please do not think that it is necessary to complete everything. If possible, aim for your child to complete around 2 hours of work over the day around your commitments.

Homework can be accessed in these four ways:

#### **Purple Mash –**

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/buxton-nr10>

The teachers actively set work on this during the week, mark the work and respond to your child. Children can also email their class teacher or Miss Weir for any support. Additionally they can securely message friends in their class. A computer or tablet is needed to access this. If possible, I highly recommend this is used as communication with teachers via this method. **If you are not sure how to sign up or have lost login details, please get in touch with the school and we will help you with this.**

#### **School Website Homework Tab -**

<http://www.buxtonschool.co.uk/homework/>

The school website has some general links which can be accessed for online learning under the 'Useful Links' section. Additionally there are tabs setup for each class, where on a weekly basis, teachers provide work relevant for their class. This work can be done in the exercise books provided or paper. **If you need any help with this, please get in touch with the school.**





**Oak Academy** <https://www.thenational.academy/>  
and **BBC Bitesize** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

These are two online links to daily lessons which can be accessed online by your child. These were made specifically for the lockdown and are government endorsed.

With all of this in mind, please find the method(s) that work best with your child but do not try to complete everything. For example, your child may prefer Oak Academy to BBC. This is fine as long as you aim for around 2 hours a day as I suggest. There may seem to be a lot of homework posted on our website; we are just trying to cover all basis to make sure you do not run out of work should you need it!

