



## Emmanuel CE Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would usually be preparing for our Easter celebration at the end of a busy term. There is nothing usual about anything right now. Thank you for your hard work at home, keeping your family safe and supporting their learning. I have heard and read many times the endeavour and excellence pupils have shown in their work.

Over the Easter period the timetable will stop, as it would for the holidays. Yesterday we published, alongside our other local middle schools, a list of activities that can be attempted. These are varied to accommodate all needs, access and number of participants. Feel free to share your experiences with us! We appreciate the children will want some kind of structure during the day or some form of activity to do and this will help support that. We also know that for some families the time to stop is also just as important. This is also the right thing to do. The Easter activities will also appear in Google Classroom, as families are now familiar with using this.

After the Easter break, the home learning timetable will resume. All work will be posted on Google Classroom. As before, please use the school covid email for support:  
[covid@emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:covid@emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk)

We have a team of pastoral staff working behind the scenes to support families. If you are in need of support or just someone to talk to, please email into the office or call 07876 532969 to speak to the team. We are making daily contact with many families, we are all in this together.

To support those families whose children are in receipt of free school meals we have been sending out vouchers to help with the cost of food shopping. If your child(ren) are currently in receipt of free school meals, and you have not received any vouchers, please contact [office@emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk)

### **Stay at home, stay safe:**

The weather is going to pick up on Sunday. The temperature will rise and the wind in a different direction. Feedback from the government is an increase in car usage over the past few days. This weekend is going to test everyone! If you enjoyed supporting the work of the NHS with rainbows and teddy bears in your window or were out clapping last night, then please don't negate this by going out. We all have our part to play in beating this.

**Home Learning:** two further links to useful learning support / alternative activities.

Youth Sport Trust: resources to support Active Breaks, 60 second challenges and Active Learning are found on the link below:

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/free-home-learning-resources>

The BBC have been developing home learning support on various platforms: podcasts, TV channel and online bitesize. At the moment this is due live on 20th April. We will keep you posted.

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

Once again, thank you for your support, enjoy the improving weather and stay safe.

Mr Christopher