



Back to School Continues

We welcomed back 12 additional children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 this week, taking our total to 85.

We are proud to have open simultaneously to all these year groups, whereas many other schools have taken a staggered approach. It is lovely to have more children back in the building, and both the children and the staff are enjoying the learning opportunities that this is bringing.

We do not yet have further guidance on when we will open to years 2, 3, 4 and 5, but it is very unlikely to be before September now; as soon as we have more information we will let you know.

Please remember that the online learning continues to be posted on the school website.

If you would like your nursery, reception, year 1 or year 6 child to join us we still have space. Please remember that they can only start on Mondays, and it would be preferable if you could let us know in advance by calling or emailing the office.

Take care and hi to everyone still at home - we miss you!



Updated handwashing advice



It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/

The e-Bug project is led by Public Health England and has a dedicated webpage for learning resources on hand washing and respiratory hygiene. E-Bug has published posters on hand hygiene, and covering coughs and sneezes, to display in bathrooms, classrooms and shared spaces.

The hand and respiratory hygiene posters and other educational resources can be found here:

https://e-bug.eu

Information from the Fashion & Textile Children's Trust: <u>www.ftct.org.uk</u>

Our trade charity offers school uniform grants for children aged 18 and under, whose parents are financially struggling and who have worked at some point for a fashion or textile business. Our criteria is much broader than it sounds and includes employers such as **supermarkets, laundrettes, dry cleaners and some delivery drivers**. We are encouraging parents to apply now for September school uniforms and computer equipment for school age children, if they don't have access to one at home. Read on for more details.

About our grants

Our grants can help families who are struggling to afford the cost of school uniform and study essentials for their children (aged 18 years and under) from early years to secondary, sixth form and vocational college too.

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Who can apply:

To apply for an FTCT grant, the child's parent or carer must have recently worked for a UK fashion or textile company.

This includes parents or caregivers who have worked for:

- Supermarkets which sell clothing (ASDA, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, etc)
- Clothing companies (Matalan, NEXT, M&S, TK Maxx)
- Homeware and soft furnishing companies (IKEA, Dunelm Mill, DFS, etc.)
- Laundry companies and high street laundrettes
- Delivery companies and distribution centres for clothing and textile brands (e.g. Hermes drivers, etc.)
- Garment manufacturers and wholesalers for both fashion and fabrics.
- Haberdashery shops, fabrics shops or sellers. And many more.

To apply, the parent must have worked for the company for at least ONE YEAR within the last NINE YEARS. The work must have been paid and they must be able to show proof of this employment. Visit our website to find out more about our criteria.

What we fund:

- School Uniform (including nurseries which require uniform)
- PE Kit
- Footwear
- Sixth Form Clothing (e.g. general clothing and/or if formal attire is required)
- College Clothing (e.g. specialist clothing for vocational courses
- General clothing for all children aged 0-18 years
- Study Essentials (e.g. schoolbag, stationery, books, etc)

Course equipment (e.g. to support vocational courses)

Funding for laptops and tablets

We can fund computers for school age children, who don't have access to one at home. Laptops for secondary school age children and tablets for primary school age children.

Special Education Needs

We can fund a wide range of equipment and therapy for children with SEN educational needs. From adapted iPads to learning aids and therapy sessions, we can tailor support to suit a child's needs. <u>Find out more about SEN grants on our website.</u>

How to apply:

Parents or caregivers who meet our trade criteria and would like to apply for a grant must complete our enquiry form on our website <u>www.ftct.org.uk</u>



We encourage our pupils to use a variety of resources to support them with learning. Please clink on the link below and have your child log-in to access the learning links. (Please note that some learning link may require the use of adobe flash-player)

https://www.lgfl.net/learning-resources/grid

EYFS and KS1 (Nursery to Year 2)

These websites allow children to practice counting, number facts to and within 20 also addition and subtraction with smaller number. Some children in Years 3 to 6 will benefit from revising these skills before moving onto the websites listed for Years 3 to 6.

Numbers and Counting

Underwater Counting: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting</u> Teddy Numbers: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers</u> Gingerbread Man: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game</u> Camel Times Tables: <u>https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd</u>

Addition and Subtraction

Cross the Swamp: <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/starship/maths/games/cross_the_swamp/</u> <u>big_sound/full.shtml</u>

Fruit Splat Addition: <u>http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/fruitshoot/</u> <u>fruitshoot_addition.htm</u>

Hit the Button: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</u> Number Fact Families: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families</u>

KS2 (Year 3 to 6)

These websites allow children to deepen their understanding of numbers, calculations and practice their times tables.

All the websites are free to use.

Place Value, Addition and Subtraction

- Higher and lower: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=HigherAndLower</u>
- Under the sea: <u>http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/me3usa/flash/index.html?goLesson=5</u>
- Guess my number: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=GuessMyNumber</u>
- Subtraction grids: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/subtraction-grids</u>
- Broken Calculator: http://www.statisticsonline.org/subtangent/broken-calculator.swf
- Magic squares: http://www.ictgames.com/magicSquare/index.html

Multiplication and Division

- Times table Rockstars: https://ttrockstars.com/login
- Multiple frenzy: <u>http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/multiple/multiple_frenzy.swf</u>
- Monty's maths wall: https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/292/Montys Maths Wall
- Snake: <u>https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/290/Snake KS2 Maths Game</u>
- Division: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=maths/division

Literacy Links

- Various Games: <u>http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/-</u>
- Spelling games: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/index.shtml
- Spelling games and phonics: <u>http://www.primarygames.com/see-n-spell/see-n-spell.htm</u>
- Vocabulary games: http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hmsv/smg/
- Games including help with spelling: http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html
- Punctuation games: <u>https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zvwwxnb</u>
- Phonics & Reading: (Select Free Phonics Play) http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ -
- Phonics: http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/
- Free eBook Library: <u>https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a book/library-page</u>

Reading books online

Reading books and resources by age group: https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/

More reading books and resources: https://www.booktrust.org.uk/404

Creating an interactive story, very good for EAL pupils: <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/interactive.aspx?cat=40</u>

