



**Rothersthorpe CE Primary School**  
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**Dear Parents,**

As previously shared, Rothersthorpe School closed on Friday 20th March 2020 as per Government orders and opened only for critical key workers who needed childcare for a short period of time. The Health Secretary and Prime Minister last week re-iterated the Government order:

- To work from home if at all possible and travel to work only where absolutely necessary
- To keep children at home, wherever possible. Everyone should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles of 2 metres away from other people at all times

Rothersthorpe School is unfortunately not able to provide childcare during the Easter holidays. However, if you are a critical key worker for the COVID-19 response and you have a childcare emergency during the holidays please email [head@rothersthorpe.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@rothersthorpe.northants-ecl.gov.uk) and we will do our utmost to source free childcare for you. However, it might not be at Rothersthorpe. After the Easter holidays we will assess Government guidelines and inform you of our school plans.

**Easter Holidays**

After several requests, teachers have provided some Easter activities to help keep the children busy over the holidays. These are optional and are available on ClassDojo. If you have not yet been on ClassDojo – please check your emails and junk box to click the link to confirm. As we are now in the 'holidays' teachers will not be available by email or ClassDojo. If you have any urgent questions or require any support please email me—I will be monitoring my emails daily.

I'm sure a lot of families, including staff, have had their holidays cancelled, so Easter will be at home this year. We hope you still have lots of fun and that the weather is kind to you all. Please share your Easter photos with us. All the staff at Rothersthorpe hope that you are able to have a break from work over Easter, whether you usually leave home to work, or if you are working from home. We wish you all a happy Easter. **Keep safe. Mrs Fountain & Staff at Rothersthorpe**



**WHAT IS EASTER?**

Christians believe that Jesus died on a Friday. Each year, this is remembered on Good Friday. Christians also believe Jesus returned to life two days later, on a Sunday. Each year, this is remembered on Easter Sunday. Because of this, at Easter, Christians also celebrate new life. There are lots of activities that Christians take part in to remind them of the Easter Story as well as lots of different foods.



- Many people celebrate Easter with eggs—chocolate or real, with Easter egg hunts. (The egg represents the tomb and new life).
- Hot cross buns are eaten traditionally on Good Friday, (with a cross as a reminder of the crucifixion).
- Some people make an Easter garden to help retell the Easter story
- An Easter dinner—usually a roast with lamb, potatoes and vegetables
- Simnel cake—a fruit cake with marzipan representing the 12 apostles minus Judas, who betrayed Jesus.





**Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?**

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (resources and support)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents/carers)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents/carers)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)



**Home Cooking with Mr Walker**  
 If you enjoy cooking, follow Mr Walker, (Mrs Walker's husband) as he teaches how to make a range of SimplyDeliciousSuperYummy' recipes.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVt3rNe7Dyc>

**GLK YouTube & Live Sport Opportunities**  
 Fitness, football, goalkeeping and multi-skills with Gavin, Jordan, Jack and Harvey as well Gymnastics with Jo. Search YouTube—GLK Academies and GLK Gymnastics

**Coronavirus and Anxiety**

The NSPCC has created a new webpage with information and advice for parents or carers who are worried a child or young person may be struggling with their mental health or has anxiety about Coronavirus. The webpage includes information on: talking about feelings and worries; keeping in touch and balancing screen time; ways to create structure and routine; and helping to give children a sense of control.



**Read the information and advice:** [Talking to a child worried about coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) See also on [NSPCC Learning](#) > [How to have difficult conversations with children](#)

**CLASSDOJO—GREAT ONLINE COMMUNICATION**

Each class has a 'story' where teachers post blogs, share activities, fun ideas, a 'video story' from Mrs Gibbon and a video message from Mrs Walker. A range of activities have been uploaded to portfolios which you and your child can access. Completed activities can then be uploaded by you/your child which can be documents, PowerPoints, photos, video clips or sound files. The choice is yours! Children collect points for their work. Teachers are currently deciding what the points can be exchanged for. Thank you to Ms ACE for setting up the ClassDojo platform.

Don't forget that Class 1 have a massive range of activities on Tapestry which Mrs Henry-Moore manages and she has also kindly uploaded her own phonic teaching videos. Thank you teachers!

If you are not yet on ClassDojo check your email/junk folder as teachers sent all parents a link to set up an account about 10 days ago.

**Brilliant support for #Dress4NHS Well done!**



**What lovely, thoughtful ideas— Sending rainbows and paintings to the Nightingale Hospital in London—Send yours! Well done—So proud**