

# The Horsell Village School



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Welcome to a slightly different type of newsletter from The Horsell Village School. Firstly, well done for getting through the first few days of home learning. As we come to work out what our new 'normal' is remember not to put too much pressure on yourselves. It will take time to work out what works best for you and your family, and that's ok. We will be splitting our newsletter into two parts for the foreseeable future. One section for parents, offering support and advice on home learning activities, in addition to those provided on the website for each year group, and one section for the children. We hope that these will provide you with some support, advice and light entertainment as we move forward.



Please remember over the coming weeks that we are simply at the end of an email or a telephone.

Best Wishes

Mrs Reeve and the team at The Horsell Village School.

## The Parent Zone

As you move forward with home learning here are a few tips you might find useful.

### **Create a structure**

Children work best in a routine. We recommend breaking the day up and creating small, focused chunks of time—no more than 30 minutes at a time. Mix between a focused learning activity and breaks. A now and next board may be something you want to set up as we move forward, i.e.: now we are going to do..... (something of adult choice relating to home learning grids) next we are going to do... something of the child's choice. (not from the home learning grids). It is important that your child and yourself have some down time. This will also enable those who are working from home time to complete their tasks.

### **Set up a learning space**

Create an area in the house for your child to be able to focus on learning. Try to limit distractions during focused home learning tasks, i.e.: TV. When the home learning is finished make it clear to the children that this area may now have a different purpose.



### **Include family time activities**

Assign different parts of the day to family time. You can either complete some of the activities we have suggested on the 'Family Star Mission' or come up with some of your own.

### **Sensible expectations.**

Remember you are doing an amazing job. This is not home schooling this is learning from home. There is a big difference. Although there is an expectation to complete at least 3 activities a day please keep things in perspective and don't put too much pressure on yourself. Yes it is important to keep things as normal as possible but also be aware that this is a strange and different time for your children—the most important thing is to have fun together.

### **Include daily exercise**

We all know the importance of an daily exercise routine on our physical and emotional well-being. Joe Wicks is doing a 30 minute PE lesson every day from 9.00am on YouTube and on the next page you will find details for home logins for the PE scheme we use at school— Real PE.

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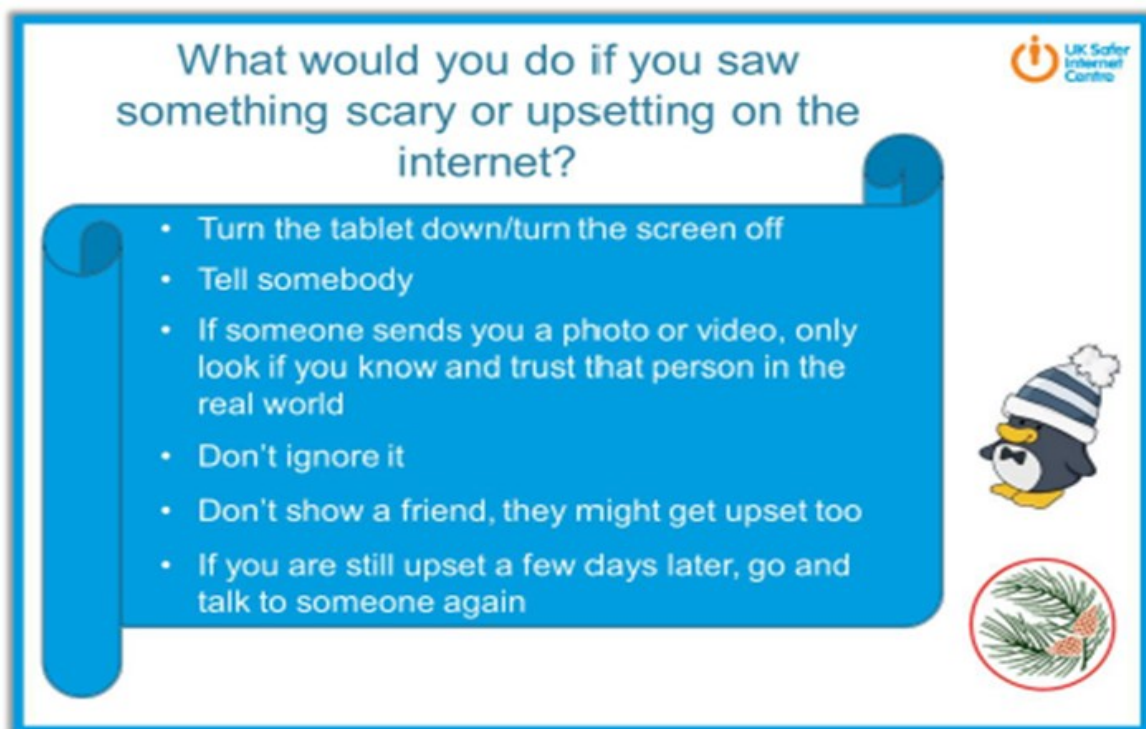
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## Keeping children safe on line

It is likely that children will be using the internet more than ever during the school closure or self-isolation, so safer internet messages are particularly important.

At The Horsell Village School we use the Safer Internet rules to remind your children how to stay safe.

- Use the internet with adult supervision
- Turn the device off/ turn over if they see something they don't like and tell an adult straight away.
- Only use the site or app the supervising adult has told them to use.



We need to promote and reinforce all the rules we have already taught our children about staying safe online, and not talking about 'in these exceptional times we can make exceptions', that would promote the underlying message - we don't need to be as safe at the moment.

We want to make you aware that Online Safety should be at the forefront of your minds as you are having an oversight of your child's learning. Here are some helpful conversation starters.

1. Talk about the websites your child may visit online and what they enjoy doing e.g. watching or playing games.
2. Ask them how they stay safe online. What have they learnt at school and what tips they can give you e.g. what information is ok and not ok to share.
3. Encourage them to help you. Can they show you how to do or use something better online?
4. Think about how you use the Internet as a family. What could you do together to make sure you are all safe and enjoy yourselves further online?

Some helpful links for guidance for parents is <https://www.internetmatters.org/> and <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

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**real PE**

## Real PE at home

We have been working with the team at 'Real PE' to provide access to our PE program for families.

The daily and weekly guidance will officially go live on Monday 30th March 2020.

Each school has their own unique email and password. Here are the details for The Horsell Village School.

### Website address:

[home.jasmineactive.com](http://home.jasmineactive.com)

Parent email: [parent@thehorsell-1.com](mailto:parent@thehorsell-1.com)

Password: thehorsell

Real PE at home includes an online programme which supports families to be active, play and learn together. There is a programme for Early Years (Yr R) and KS1 (Yr 1 and 2)

There are 12 themes to explore, 6 areas and over 250 activities and challenges.

There are so many benefits to being active, not only to our physical well-being but also to our emotional and mental health.

We hope that the ideas help and support you and your family to stay fit and healthy in the coming months.



### Useful Links

- Teach your monster to read [www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](http://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)
- Go Noodle [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com)
- Cosmic Yoga [www.youtube.com/CosmicKidsYoga](http://www.youtube.com/CosmicKidsYoga)
- Explorify for Science <https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/>
- Vooks– storybooks bought to life [www.vooks.com/](http://www.vooks.com/)

Talking to your child about Coronavirus

**YOUNG MINDS**

If your child is worried or anxious about the Coronavirus you can find support and advice from the charity 'Young Minds'.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

The site provides you with a set of ten helpful tips when talking to your child and also provides guidance and support for you when self isolating.



### Home Learning.

Don't forget to look on the school website on Monday morning at 9.00am to see a new set of home learning and family fun activities.

We have had some lovely, positive feedback from parents about our learning grids. One question has been about feedback. Research shows young children respond best to immediate, verbal feedback therefore its best coming from you. Of course we will continue to review this and look at developing ways the teachers can communicate with the children in their class.

**STAY AT HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**save lives**

Please continue to follow the advice from the NHS and Public Health of England.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

# The Children Zone

Welcome to your new newsletter. Here you will find some activities, websites and information to help you on your learning at home. We are sure you are doing an amazing job!

What did the policeman say to his tummy?  
Freeze... your under a vest!

## Joe Wicks

Hopefully you are all joining in with Joe Wicks' PE lesson on YouTube. It is at 9.00 every morning. A great energetic start to your day.



## Rainbows

Have you made your rainbow? If you have, please send a picture of it in to us, we would love to see it! The children that have been in school this week have made their rainbow and have displayed it outside of school.

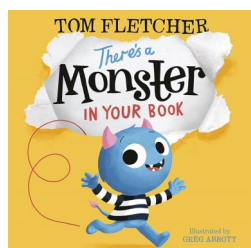
We would like to say thank you to all the key workers for doing an amazing job!



## Miss May's favourite book

My favourite book to read to children is 'there's a monster in your book' series. I love being able to interact with the monster/alien/dragon.

Here it is being read by the author [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHx\\_kn6MG7k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHx_kn6MG7k)



## Mrs Reeve's favourite book

My favourite book to read is 'The Smartest Giant in town' by Julia Donaldson. I really like the message of this books about being kind and looking after each other.

I also like the rhyming element of the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjiPrA8E3qE>



## Tongue Twisters

Crisp crusts crackle and crunch

Freshly fried flying fish

- Read each of the tongue twisters out loud.
- Say them quickly four or five times.
- Which one is easiest?
- Which is the trickiest?

## READ READ READ!

Read your books to anyone or anything. I'm sure your teddies will also sit nicely to listen to you.

Create a bookmark so that you can come back to where you left off.

Ask your parents to download audible, then you can listen to a book you might not have being read to you. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

