

12th June 2020

Dear Reception Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that ahead of schedule, and following the successful launch of our Diamond Online Learning Platform for Years 1 to 6 over the past two weeks, we are now able to 'soft launch' Diamond Online for Reception on Monday 15th June. This means that as well as receiving the newsletter you have been used to, you will now find all learning resources on our website, which can be found at: <https://www.diamondonline.uk/>

From Monday 22nd June we intend to place all learning just on the website, but you can access it now, to get used to it before this date. We welcome any feedback which will help us to develop our website further.

Reception Learning Page

On the Reception learning page on the website, you will find lessons and activities providing around 3 hours' worth of learning every day. Each day includes an English lesson, a Maths lesson, a phonics lesson, and a lesson relating to the wider curriculum. As with the newsletters you received over the past two weeks, the Reception page follows the same format, so it also contains links to all the additional activities and opportunities such as PE, Outdoor Learning and virtual tours, that we believe are important for your child to have access to.

We have planned a main lesson for English and Maths, each of which also have support and challenge instructions and activities, so your child will be able to access the learning at their level.

On the new website, there are videos to help you and your child navigate the pages. Please find these here: <https://www.diamondonline.uk/how-to-use-the-online-school>

As with any new project, there may well be some teething issues. If you have any questions or queries about the website and its functioning, please email: feedback@diamondonline.uk where colleagues will respond as quickly as possible.

Reading

As mentioned in our previous newsletters, we encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes a day. Your child may have access to Oxford Owl, or Amazon Kindle where they can read free books online. You could also try Storyweaver.org.in

There is supportive information about reading at home with TRUST from the Education Endowment Foundation in the parents' section of our website.
<https://www.diamondonline.uk/parents>

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we set up our new remote learning website.

Best wishes,

Tanya Grisby and the Reception Team
On behalf of Diamond Online (part of TDLPT)