



York Road Nursery School.

Home Learning Offer 2021.

Holding hands,
nurturing
minds

Dear Parents,

We hope you are keeping well during these uncertain times. At York Road Nursery School we aim to provide you with engaging, inspiring and robust remote learning opportunities. We have adapted our home learning offer since last lockdown to respond to the different circumstances and challenges that our families are facing during this pandemic. The risk of infection remains high in our local area and we want to continue to work alongside parents to offer a bespoke package of learning when children are not able to attend.

As a Nursery School, we pride ourselves on the relationships with parents to ensure best outcomes for children. We are keen to limit the adverse effects of Lockdown, provide learning opportunities and keep our Nursery community connected. For children with additional needs we will continue to work alongside families to ensure we are able to provide resources and make any reasonable adjustments where necessary to successfully support their learning.

All families with children unable to attend will receive weekly contact telephone calls, emails, zoom meetings or communications on Tapestry to discuss how the home learning is going, as well as receiving the ongoing general communications through school emails and Schoolcomms. We are setting home learning based on our recovery and resilience curriculum. Most of activities will require resources you will have to hand, eg. pencils, paper, small world toys, junk modelling material, but we would ask that families who need help with resources get in contact with us so we can support them via a non-contact drop box, or discuss alternative arrangements. If you have limited technology to access online learning, again, please talk to us, we will work to help you.

Our Home learning offer is based on a scenario where children may not be able to attend Nursery School:

- A full lockdown where the school is closed or a bubble has closed
- The school needs to switch to fully remote learning for reasons related to the pandemic.

We will be open to key worker and vulnerable children as the guidelines allow.

If a family or a child is self-isolating, living with critically vulnerable family members, are critically vulnerable themselves or have chosen not to attend during this time, your key teacher will be in regular contact.

Please do not feel pressured to complete every single activity if you do not wish to do so. We are obliged to provide a full remote offer, however these activities are just suggested tasks and are in no way mandatory. We hope you will view them as enjoyable tasks to complete together with your child and we are looking forward to seeing them on Tapestry.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should you require support or further clarification.

Nursery and Pre-school Home learning

- **Twice weekly Zoom meetings**

These live sessions offer a chance for children in a group to see and talk to their own teacher/key person via Zoom. One session will be an activity chosen by the key person tailored to the interests and needs of their group. It could be a 'news time', literacy or maths session, but will always involve a 'catch up' and wellbeing element. The second session will be a short, phonics activity with follow up tapestry posts to extend or consolidate learning as appropriate to your child's learning needs. The key person will send you an invite to the zoom meeting on Tapestry.

- **Daily Story**

There will be a story each day. These will be read by a member of staff in a Tapestry video or there may be a link to a YouTube site. Tapestry posts will be scheduled for 9am each day and you will be able to access this as many times as you like.

- **Daily activities**

Activities to inspire and engage learning, presented by members of staff as a Tapestry video, or a written activity or a link to a website. Over the week all areas of the curriculum will be covered.

- **Daily Song**

There will be a song each day. These will be recorded by members of staff in a Tapestry video or there may be a link to a YouTube site.

- **Daily Physical challenge**

Each day there will be a challenge to get you moving. These will be recorded by members of staff in a Tapestry video or there may be a link to a YouTube site. It may be Yoga, dancing, games, exercise routines or a walk. As often as possible, we would encourage a daily trip outside to enjoy some fresh air, look at the natural world around your area and breathe.

Tapestry posts will be scheduled for 9am each day and you will be able to access this as many times as you like. Key teaching staff will look at and reply to any posts and comments you upload 3 times a week. Tapestry posts for children attending nursery will be posted also

Regular contact

Regular contact will be made to you to see how things are and any support we can offer. Please note you can contact your key person via Tapestry or a phone call or email to the school if needed. They can talk to you 1:1 to offer bespoke advice for learning.

York Road also has a Website - <https://yorkroad.herts.sch.uk>

Face Book page – [facebook.com/YorkRoadNurserySchool](https://www.facebook.com/YorkRoadNurserySchool)

Here you can find general activities, news, advice and tips.

Below is a link to Government guidance on Home learning during the Pandemic:

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#res>).