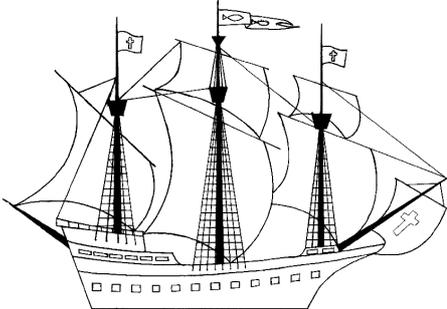

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. . . *Growing the Fruit of the Spirit*

*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'
(Galatians 5:22-23)*



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3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about the Home Learning arrangements from Monday 6th July.

At this stage of the school year, many schools opt to provide a range of enrichment activities as part of their curriculum. From Monday 6th July, we will be offering pupils an extensive range of activities, comprising sport, arts, science and humanities. These activities encourage a holistic approach to learning and provide for pupils' physical and spiritual development and wellbeing. All of the activities listed below will be available on the [Enrichment Curriculum](#) page of the school website from **Monday 6th July at 9:00am**:

Fruit of the Spirit Project

- Pupils will be provided with a wide range of challenges and activities linked to the **Fruit of Spirit**, with a range of opportunities across the curriculum, including sport, arts, science and humanities.

Virtual Merseyside School Games 2020

- Pupils will be encouraged to participate in the **Virtual Merseyside School Games** with daily fitness activities. All of the details will be posted on the school website and Twitter feed.

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

- The **Summer Reading Challenge** this year will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the challenge will join the **Silly Squad**, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books! The Summer Reading Challenge website is free to access and features games, quizzes and downloadable activities that incentivise and encourage children to take part in reading related activities. Go to <http://sillysquad.org.uk>

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.' (Jeremiah 29:11)

Don't Forget Your Maths Packs

- We will be providing maths packs to help pupils start next term ready for their maths lessons. Each pack will contain 20 maths challenges which will help pupils to keep practising the maths they've been learning this year. They're fun, flexible and involve little more than a piece of paper, a pencil and a partner. We will providing packs for:
 - Y2 to Y3
 - Y3 to Y4,
 - Y4 to Y5
 - Y5 to Y6

Essential Life Skills Programme

- Dawpool has partnered with [Thumbs Up Education](#) to provide pupils with an **Essential Life Skills Programme** which can be accessed at home over the coming weeks. Pupils can engage with five videos lessons as follows:

Session 1: Effective communication

Session 2: Understanding ourselves better

Session 3: Why being a good person is so important

Session 4: How does my brain work

Session 5: How do I use all these superpowers.

There is also a sixth session specifically for Year 6 pupils to support transition to secondary school:

Session 6: Moving Forwards (Year 6)

Online Learning

- Parents who wish to continue with formal lessons which are closely aligned to the curriculum objectives for each year group should access the enhanced education provision from the [BBC](#), including daily lessons from [BBC Bitesize](#)
- Parents may also access resources from [Oak National Academy](#), including [daily lessons](#) for each year group.
- Parents can also refer to the list of [online educational resources](#) which have been identified by some of the country's leading educational experts to help pupils to learn at home.
- Parents with children under 5 years old can find ideas and activities at [Hungry Little Minds](#). Read further guidance on how to [help children 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

The government recognises that every pupil in the country has experienced unprecedented disruption to their education as a result of coronavirus and they have announced a package worth £1billion to support pupils to catch up. Yesterday, the government announced their plans for all pupils to return to school in September. The staff are working to prepare the school environment according to the government's guidelines and are preparing a holistic catch-up programme for all pupils. We are finalising our school improvement plan for 2020-21 which will focus on three key areas:

- **Reset** for Safety (routine, structure, policies)
- **Recover** for Wellbeing (social, emotional & mental health, friendships, & relationships)
- **Rebuild** for Learning ('catch-up', curriculum, enrichment)

I recognise that the last 3 months have been very difficult for all pupils and parents. We are hopeful that all children will return to school in September. I will be writing to parents next week with the staffing arrangements. The practical arrangements will be explained at a later date once we have established a reintegration plan in accordance with the government's latest guidance.

I really appreciate your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Burrows', written in a cursive style.

David Burrows
Headteacher