



Malorees Junior School

An ambitious, THRIVING school where every child can become a confident, caring, lifelong learner.

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Welcome to our home learning

This introduction to our plans for home learning in the Junior School covers:

- Suggestions for planning and scheduling your home learning
- A guide to our online resources here at Malorees junior School
- General advice for families on home learning

We welcome feedback from families. Please email online@maloreesjnr.brent.sch.uk with your comments.

Nobody knows how long our buildings will be closed for. But we do know that our school is moving to your home, for the next two weeks, from Monday 23 March to Friday 3 April. This will then be followed by two weeks of Easter Holidays before the Summer Term starts on Monday 20 April. We will let you know as soon as we can whether that term will start in our buildings or in your home.

Meanwhile, there are lots of things that you can do now to make sure that your home learning is a success for all of your family. We recommend taking the time now to discuss, as a family, how this will happen. You might want to talk about practical matters like:

When learning will happen

Your child's teacher will provide recommended tasks for each week, appropriate for your child's yeargroup, and continuing their recent work in class. Your home school timetable is up to you, and of course your plans will have to be flexible, but here's a suggestion for a day in a Juniors Home School:

15 mins	Warm up exercises	60 mins	Afternoon work, such as:
15 mins	Times Table Rockstars	Mon	Topic project
45 mins	Maths tasks set by your teacher	Tue	Science
15 mins	Break	Wed	Art or Music
45 mins	Mathletics – tasks and games	Thu	Shared family learning
15 mins	Break	Fri	Get outside *
45 mins	English tasks set by your teacher	15 mins	Break
15 mins	Break	30 mins	Reading for pleasure
30 mins	Reading tasks set by your teacher	15 mins	Learning diary
60 mins	Lunch break		

* Depending on your family circumstances, health and latest official advice, we recommend that children should try to get outside as often as possible. If you can't get to the park, then just go for a walk, while following [social distancing guidance](#).

Your class teacher may also share their own suggestions for daily tasks, particularly in the first week or so.

We want your child to enjoy their home learning, and you will know how much work they can manage. We don't want them to feel overwhelmed by any of their tasks, which is why we are providing a variety of activities and resources. Remember to make time for regular breaks, which should include physical activity (Mr Cleary will have lots of suggestions at malorees.j2webby.com). If you've just been working on an online task, then try to take your break away from a screen for a while.

The Learning Library on malorees.j2webby.com will also have ideas for creative projects and investigations.

Every family is different, and every home too. But establishing as much of a routine for home learning as you feel is appropriate will help all of you. Don't forget to find time to share learning together – learn a new skill alongside your child, and get them to teach you. You'll be showing them how important you think learning is, and you might have fun too!

Where learning will happen

Take time now to establish where home learning will happen. It may be in your child's bedroom, a spare room or the kitchen, but you should try to find a dedicated space where they can concentrate on their work, away from distractions, and where you can keep in touch with what they are doing. Give them a shelf, a bag or a crate to keep their learning resources together, including:

- Their Homework book, if they have it at home, or other notebooks – whatever you can find
- Their Reading Journal, where they should note all their reading, and complete activities
- Pens, pencils, a ruler and a rubber
- Reading books and project packs

They will also need daily supervised access to a computer or tablet, in order to access and complete their learning. There is reliable online safety advice at malorees.j2webby.com.

How learning will happen

For children in the Junior School, their first stop for learning every day should be malorees.j2webby.com. From Monday 23 March this is where you and your child will find:

- Their **yeargroup** section – with tasks for the week ahead, and all the resources they need.
- **Learning Library** – links, resources and ideas for creative and independent learning
- Advice for **families** – covering how to learn, online safety and health
- **How To...** - technical guides covering how to use our online tools

Your child's learning will combine online tasks (including Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars and j2e) and offline writing, reading and making. We are also encouraging all children to keep a daily **Learning Diary**, to record what they have done each day, and reflect on what they've enjoyed and any new learning they've achieved. They can keep this diary in whatever format they like - either in a notebook or online in a j2e5 file they can update daily.

As part of their learning they should read every day, both in Destination Reader tasks, and independently. We will aim to provide ebook texts for your child to read, to add to whatever books they have at home. The Learning Library will also have recommendations for books that you could get from a local library (if open) or buy online. They should write about all of their reading in their **Reading Journal**, which is also full of activities to extend their learning.

Stay healthy

We care passionately about your child's learning; but of course their physical, mental and emotional health matters far more. There is family health advice from the NHS [here](#), and mental health advice [here](#). This [article](#) may also help you and your families prepare for the weeks ahead, while [HomeLearningUK](#) is building up its own library of advice and resources for families.