



Compass Point Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to term 5.

I would like to start by saying how much we are all missing you and your children; school is not the same without you. Although the majority of the children are not in school we are still here to support you with your learning at home. There is also a whole team of people working in different ways to try to continue to support families during this time; there is more information about this in the Safeguarding section of the school website. As usual I have a few updates for you at the start of the Summer term and here they are...

Vouchers for families with children who are entitled to a Free School Meal

There is a new voucher scheme in place that is being run by the Government, this scheme requires a slightly different approach and we are working now to make sure we get vouchers out to people for next week. Class teachers are happy to pass on any queries about vouchers if you need to talk to someone about any issues you are having.

It is important to stay in touch whilst school is closed

Thank you to everyone who has shared work with teachers, responded to Class Dojo messages and taken part in various other contact between teachers and classmates. This communication is very important to us as well as to you. If we have not heard from you then teachers will continue to call, email and message you. Please get in touch with your class teacher this week if you haven't already done so. If we do not hear from you through your class teachers then a member of the Safeguarding Team will be in touch in case there is an issue that we need to help with. Our aim is to support families as much as we can during this time.

The School Website

We are updating it with new information when it becomes available to us.

- Please take a look at the News section for any new resources.
- The Class Blogs have daily learning ideas and activities on them.
- The Safeguarding pages contain the most up to date information from ourselves and different organisations.

Reading books are in school for you to borrow and return. Starts on Monday 27th April

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We have thought long and hard about how to get a system in place that allows us to distribute reading books in a safe way. The latest advice from the World Health Organisation is that Covid-19 can survive on paper for up to 7 days. This is at the heart of our process.

- 1) School staff have assembled packs of books into plastic wallets whilst wearing gloves. These plastic wallets each contain 4 book banded books.
- 2) Parents can come to school during their daily walk and pick up one pack of books per child. Books will be on a table in the playground Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12. A member of staff will be there to help you if needed. Please remember to stick to social distancing rules.
- 3) Unfortunately, you will not be able to select the books yourselves and your child therefore may get a book/s that they have read before. This is not an issue; many children (and adults) like to reread familiar stories and it helps with understanding the text.
- 4) When parents collect books they will bring back the books that their children have already read.
- 5) Please do not put any books from home with the book packs, instead there will be a deposit box for any books from home.
- 6) Every day these boxes of books brought back from homes will be taken away by staff and left for 7 days to make sure any risk of them carrying the virus has passed.
- 7) Please try to keep sets in their plastic wallets when you return them

Reading at home FAQ

There are a series of frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the school website along with some suggestions of things for you to do.

I think my child could read the next level banded book, what do I do?

What do I need to look out for when I am reading with my child?

Is there anything I can be doing to support reading whilst my child is at home with me?

We are running out of books to read at home – help!

My child does not like reading – what can I do?

Please stay in touch and stay safe everyone.

Linda Brown
Head teacher