



## Frequent worries of lockdown learning

There is so much work on Showbie, my child can't get through it all.

We are continuing to follow each year groups personalised curriculum. Full coverage of the curriculum, helps to ensure as little disruption to children's learning as possible. The children receive the same content as they would do in school. If children do not complete all the work, there is time on a Friday to catch up but it is important to remember that they do not have to complete every piece of work perfectly. Our hope is that children have a go at each assignment and try their best.

There isn't enough work on Showbie.

It is a tricky balancing act. Too much and it is overwhelming, too little and the children will be missing out on the curriculum. If your child is longing for more learning, there is many resources available online such as on the BBC website and oak academy and don't forget, they can never read too much!

We didn't manage to log on today.

That's okay! We all have days where it takes longer to get out of our pyjamas and you are just happy the children brushed their teeth before noon. If a day playing in the garden or snuggling on the sofa is what your family needs then that's okay. The timetable is flexible. The lessons are recorded so that children can access them at a time that suits them. You can use the evenings and weekends for school work if that suits your family best.

My child needs my help all the time.

It is difficult to create the same environment at home as we have in school. Teachers can create lessons and resources and be available online but the same in person support from staff and their peers is not as readily available. In school, children would be encouraged to work with their peers if they are stuck, refer to displays and learning resources or ask their teacher. This change in environment is one element of school life that we cannot replicate in your homes. It is a steep learning curve for both staff and children but it is important to remember to encourage your child to leave a message for their teacher – the same as they would put their hand up in class.

This support cannot be as immediate as it would be in school so it is an adjustment we need to get used to. But know staff will get back to children and help them where they are stuck.

We have drop in video calls that their teacher may suggest for them to join to receive some extra support or alternatively the teacher may be able to help with a quick reminder as a voice note or message or create a quick demonstration video.

But they just won't do anything if I do not sit with them all the time.

Children are used to being independent in school. Home is a different environment and they will enjoy the one to one attention but it is important to encourage them to be independent by setting routines and giving them clear expectations.



I can't juggle it all!

It is okay. We know that it is difficult having the children at home. You have work emails to answer, Teams meetings to attend, you need to find everybody a charger and set the youngest up on a zoom call with their teacher to read a story to them. You are trying to make sure they eat something a little healthy while listening to the latest government guidance and work out whether grandma is in the support bubble. That's not to mention the pre-covid problems that life tends to throw at us from time to time. Everyone is trying their best, us included, and that is all we can ask for. We are here to support and that is why we have made our timetable flexible to hopefully take the pressure off a little so you do not worry that your child missed the live lesson and didn't register today.

We missed the morning call and the drop-in session.

They are recorded. You can access it at any time to catch up if needed.

My child is falling behind.

Please try not to worry. These are unparalleled circumstances and when we are all back, it is our job to work with the children and address the impact of this lockdown. You are not the only parent worrying about this. At this moment in time, all we hope for is that they are happy and healthy and trying their best.

We don't have enough laptops or tablets.

Please contact school if you need devices or access to Wi-Fi. We have devices in school that we can loan out to families.

My child is losing interest very quickly with every task that is set.

It is normal for children to be quick to find something difficult and give up. Children should take regular breaks. Encourage them to switch off, have a drink or a snack or play with their siblings. If they were in school, we would give them a little break and then try again.

I don't understand long division myself. How can I teach my child?

That's ok because we have a team of teachers on the other end of Showbie ready to respond to children questions or address any misconceptions. But you can also encourage your child's independence by encouraging them to access the recorded videos on Showbie. Children can rewind and re-watch as many times as they like. They can also look things up online and find alternative demonstrations of lessons using oak academy or the BBC.

I only get time to upload my child's work onto Showbie in the evening.

That is ok. we check the accounts regularly and monitor engagement over time so if your child is too young to upload photos of their own work, we will still receive it whatever time you upload it. Just be aware that response time might change.



I often lose my patience because my child just doesn't get it even though I have explained it several times and we end up arguing.

Remember that if your child does not understand or does not 'get it', we want to know so we can help. If the lockdown learning is wonderful, but the child cannot reproduce that in school we will struggle to know where your child needs support. We are not judging you, or your child – learning is all about making mistakes and figuring out how to solve them.

It's fine if there are mistakes. In fact, it's better because then we can see where we need to help your child. But also remember that we are there to help the children if they are struggling. They can leave us a message and we can work with them to understand where they are stuck and offer alternative ideas on how to solve it.