



# Thomas Russell Junior School

'Ambitious culture, strong team ethos, outstanding academic achievement, high expectations, teaching consistently strong, pupils well cared for, exemplary behaviour' Ofsted January 2019.



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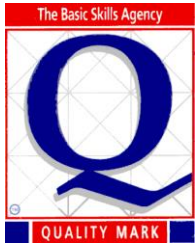
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Dear Parent / Carer,

It is with a heavy heart that I confirm we will today be closing our doors to the majority of Thomas Russell Junior School pupils.



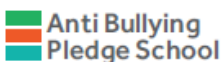
We will operate a skeleton staff providing care for Key Workers (*whilst they are at work*) and also provision for Vulnerable children, including those entitled to Free School Meals. This will initially be at TRJS on Monday and Tuesday, then we are looking at the possibility of pooling provision, staffing and resources with other local infant / primary schools. For further information on this please see attached document and form.



**Home Learning Packs** - Whilst the children are at home, we would encourage them to keep up their reading and use MyMaths, SPAG.com and TT Rockstars daily. Please also refer back to the update provided on 17.3.20, which details a range of activities to support learning and keep the children entertained in a more traditional sense too.



Home Learning Packs contain a selection of activities for children, some designed to be completed independently, whilst others may require parental support.



You may wish to access the educational websites below to support and extend learning (most will be offering free access during this period of enforced closure, however you may still have to register to gain access.)



<https://uk.ixl.com> IXL is a website with differentiated maths and English activities for Reception to Y13! You can complete a set of free questions every day, or subscribe for fully interactive, unlimited service.



Joe Wicks will be broadcasting a daily PE lesson at 9am which parents and children may appreciate and may also help with establishing some routines for the coming days and weeks. Search Joe Wicks YouTube channel to find out more.



<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> Check out White Rose maths activities at home



National Geographic for Kids, Audible and Kindle all contain a huge amount of reading material and audio books, much of which can be accessed for free.

[www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) code: UKTWINKLHELPS



Plus have a look at our school website where you will find regularly updated activities for the children to dip into as much as they like. [www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

Finally for all you LEGO fans out there – and I know we have a lot! Why not take on the 30-day LEGO challenge?!? On the next page...

**Please keep in touch** – send us pictures of your achievements, successes and the crazy places you find to read a book. We are going to miss you more than you can imagine. Why not even send us a video of the brilliant things you make and do!

Should you need to get in touch with us regarding home learning or any other matters, we would request that you do so via [questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) - this address will be monitored regularly. From here your e-mail may be forwarded to another member of staff if necessary.

We will of course keep you fully informed of any changes moving forward by text or email, and will notify you as soon as possible when we intend to re-open the school fully 😊

Thank you for your support, kind comments and understanding in what we know is a most worrying time.

Wishing you stay safe & healthy.

Happy learning

*S Sharpe*

Mrs S Sharpe  
Headteacher

# 30 Day LEGO Challenge

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Day 5 You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	Day 6 You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.	Day 7 Ford hires you to create the toughest pick up truck in the world.	Day 8 You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	Day 9 Captain Hook needs a new pirate ship and wants you to build it.	Day 10 You and your friends decide to build a tree house.
Day 11 Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.	Day 12 Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	Day 13 You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.	Day 14 Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	Day 15 There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance.	Day 16 Help your fellow pioneers build a wagon to make it across the country.
Day 17 Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.	Day 18 Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.	Day 19 The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	Day 20 Pizza party! It is up to you to make a pizza for all the guests.	Day 21 You are hired to build a brand new hospital.	Day 22 The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of.
Day 23 You are now in medieval times. You are commissioned to build a jousting arena.	Day 24 The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.	Day 25 Design and build your dream bedroom.	Day 26 You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.	Day 27 Aliens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them.	Day 28 The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them.
Day 29 You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.	Day 30 There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile			What was your favorite day?	

