

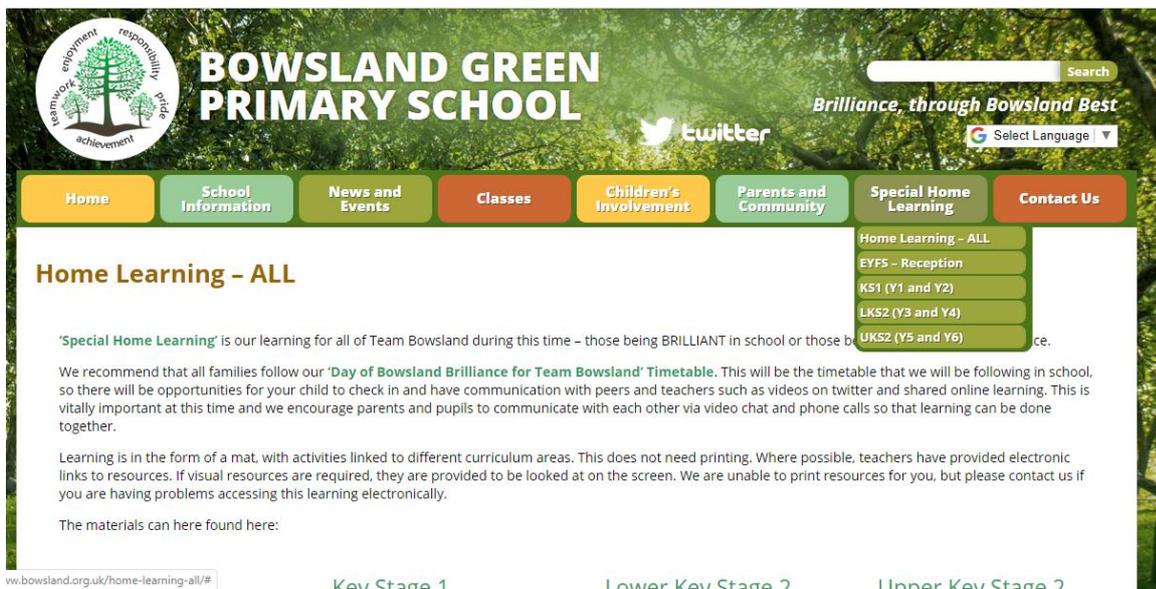
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Families,

*It has been a week like no other! As I shared with the children in assembly, we are living during a unique time in history. So many elements of today have felt surreal, not least of all not knowing when we will all be together as a school community again. But we are resilient, and we are ready to face this challenge positively and as a school team.*

*Over the last few days, we have put together a structure of home learning that we hope will support families in delivering the best routine and support to their children, whilst you manage your own work loads and the needs of your families. All pupils remain on Team Bowsland and we wish to provide the same experience for all at this uncertain time.*

*On our website, you will find a new heading at the top called 'Special Home Learning.'*



*'Special Home Learning' is our learning for all of Team Bowsland during this time - those being BRILLIANT in school or those being BRILLIANT from a distance at home.*

*On the first tab, Home Learning ALL - is the guidance for families.*

*We recommend that all families follow our 'Day of Bowsland Brilliance for Team Bowsland' Timetable. This will be the timetable that we will be following in school, so there will be opportunities for your child to check in and have communication with peers and teachers, such as videos on twitter and shared*

online learning. If you do not follow us on Twitter, now is the time to join!  
<https://twitter.com/Bowsland.Green>

Visual communication is vitally important at this time and we encourage parents and pupils to communicate with each other via video chat and phone calls so that learning can be done together. It is important that pupils still see their teachers and friends so they feel connected.

Learning is in the form of an A4 mat, with activities linked to different curriculum areas. This does not need printing. Where possible, teachers have provided electronic links to resources. If visual resources are required, they are provided to be looked at on the screen. We are unable to print resources for you, but please contact us if you are having problems accessing this learning electronically. A new mat will be uploaded every Monday of term time.

If your child is in EYFS, the learning has been designed to be recorded on tapestry and resources are available from this platform in the usual way. Year 1, you may also share your practical activities on tapestry for your teachers to see too.

All pupils from Y1 to Y6 have a 'Special Home Learning' book in which to record their learning. The Bowsland Trail Guide is on the front, so that pupils can continue to present their Bowsland Learning with pride. Teachers will share in this learning on pupils' return to school.

Year 6's have all be asked to take their school bought revision books and can of course continue to embed their KS2 knowledge by using these - some learning will be directed to pages of these books. 'Stretch' books can be used in place of this, by pupils who were assigned them.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health remains, as always, a priority for us as a school. We know that this is a challenging and uncertain time for all, but talking about the situation together as a family is key. We aim to post social stories to support you in continuing to discuss the situation in an age appropriate way. We are still here for support with this so do let us know if we can help. Our timetable of the day includes a BE Safe in our minds activity from the Home Challenge Mat at the top of each Key Stage Page, to promote positivity at this time. *And please do fill your windows with rainbows to spread that message across the community.*

To help support you in establishing a healthy routine, we have included a visual timetable to use. You may wish to amend this to add things which are unique to your family. The children are on a special mission to teach you our school values, they may ask you for opportunities to show them, so encourage

## Brilliance, through Bowsland Best

them to support you with activities, such as washing up after lunch. In assembly today we discussed how every family could have a 'Bowsland Brilliance' treat on a Friday, we think this would be a positive way for all families to end their week. If you are not self-isolating it would be a great chance to go outside in the fresh air.

It is vitally important that pupils continue to read regularly - we know it is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success and is something that we do have control of during this time. We have sourced a range of online services that are providing free eBooks at this time. These will be uploaded to the website for families to use. Some may require you to create a user name. We also intend to run a book swap so that pupils who are not self-isolating can collect books from school "drive by style"! We will share more information about this once we are ready to launch this system.

Enrichment activities are also important. Whilst we might not be able to get out to theatres and cinemas, there are some fantastic companies that are providing free experiences online for children. We will also be adding these to the website, there are new, exciting resources being added to social media daily, be sure to use resources you find that suit your child's interests.

As you are all aware, the government has not indicated when schools will fully reopen at this time. We will be in regular communication with all our families on Team Bowsland. We have promised the children that we will stay in touch, we will aim for teachers to ring children at a point during their week - please be ready for this by maybe having a note somewhere titled 'Things I'd like to tell my teacher'

We cannot make predictions for the next few weeks or months, but we guarantee to stay in regular contact with you and will check the school email inbox regularly - keep in touch with us too!

We hope this information is useful for you all, take care of each other at this challenging time. Have an enjoyable weekend, make some time to set up your 'home learning space' - we will be with you at the start of this new adventure on Monday with our first 'Good Morning' video.

## Bring on the Bowsland Brilliance!

Mrs Engley and the whole school team ☺