



# Istead Rise Primary Home Learning Bulletin



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Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff at Istead Rise, I would like to thank you for the many messages of support and thanks that we have received this week. We are all, once again, having to adjust to a very challenging set of circumstances and we are grateful to children, parents and colleagues alike for their positive attitudes and commitment.

## Home Learning

Thank you to those parents who have provided us with feedback about our current remote learning provision. As with many things, some parents are extremely happy with what we are providing whilst others have suggested improvements.

Throughout this week, we have had many meetings with teaching staff to discuss remote learning, including what we think is currently going well and what might need to change for the future. All teachers at Istead Rise are keen to ensure that our pupils have the best remote learning experience possible.

We know that some parents are keen for us to develop a 'live learning' approach. In order to do this effectively, we need to ensure that all parties have adequate technology and that safeguarding protocols are established and adhered to. We will update parents in due course about this aspect of remote learning.

There will be further developments planned for our home learning provision, and more details will be shared with parents in the near future.

## Phone calls home

A key focus for our staff this week has been to make initial contact with all families via telephone. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to these phone calls and I do hope that these conversations have provided some reassurance to families and children. Staff will continue to touch base with families over the current weeks. I do ask that the small minority of families who have not yet taken or returned our call, please get in touch with us as soon as possible, so that we are able to offer support to your children with home learning.

Thank you,

Steve Payne  
Head of School

## Google Classroom

There will now be work set for your child on google classroom. The children need to login using their swale.at email address and their password. All details can be found in their planner. Any further problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office via [irpoffice@swale.at](mailto:irpoffice@swale.at)



## PE With Joe



**P.E. WITH JOE IS BACK**

**9am  
Monday  
Wednesday  
Friday**

**Live on The Body Coach TV**

## Coronavirus Advice

This link will take you to the GOV.UK website where you will find the latest guidance with regards to what you can or cannot do during lockdown.

[GOV UK Coronavirus Advice](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**  
What you need to do

 **GOV.UK**



## Ruth Miskin

Ruth Miskin has a number of Phonics lessons available for your child via their YouTube channel

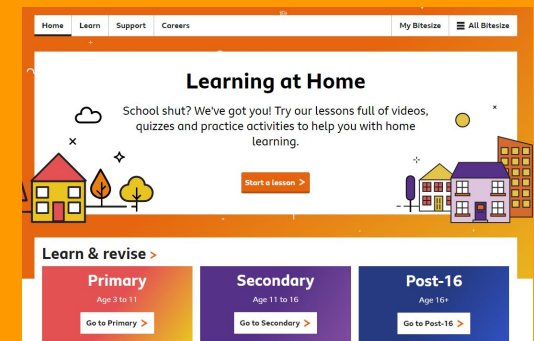
[Phonics Lessons](#)

**Read Write Inc.**  
**Phonics**

## BBC Bitesize

Starting on Monday 11 January, each week day CBBC will provide a three-hour block of primary school programming from 9am. This will include: BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as other educational programming such as Our School and Celebrity Supply Teacher. In addition, there will be much loved titles such as Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch.

[BBC Bitesize](#)



## Times Tables Rock Stars

Rock Legend or Rock Hero? We have an exciting addition to our bank of remote learning resources: Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Already a popular and regularly used tool within our daily maths lessons, TTRS can be accessed at home by children from Year 1 upwards from next week.



Each child has been set up with an individual username and password. Parents will be contacted during the course of next week with these details (any children attending school next week, will be given their details then). We are sure children will enjoy completing the challenges at home as much as they do at school.

[TT Rockstars](#)



### **Gravesham Borough Council**

(including COVID-19 advice line)

Phone: 01474 337070

Web: [www.gravesham.gov.uk](http://www.gravesham.gov.uk)

### **Gravesham Food Bank**

Riverside Community Centre, Dickens Road,  
Gravesend, DA12 2JY

Phone: 01474 559555

Email: [info@graveshamfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@graveshamfoodbank.org.uk)

Web: <https://gravesham.foodbank.org.uk/>

### **Citizens Advice**

Phone: 0800 1448 444

Web: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

### **Kent Together**

Kent County Council 24-hour Helpline

Phone: 03000 419292

### **Kent Resilience Hub**

Supporting 10-16 year olds through COVID-19  
and the pressures of everyday life.

Web: [www.kentresiliencehub.org.uk](http://www.kentresiliencehub.org.uk)

Text: 07520 618850

### **COVID-19 Mutual Aid UK**

Volunteer lead initiative where groups of people  
get together to support one another.

Twitter: @GravesendAid

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/GravesendAid](https://www.facebook.com/GravesendAid)

### **Choices**

Independent domestic abuse charity Dartford  
and Gravesend

Phone: 0800 917 9948

Hostel Referrals: 01474 352552

Web: [www.choicesdbservice.org.uk](http://www.choicesdbservice.org.uk)

### **Kent Victim Support**

Phone: 0808 168 9276

Email: [kent.vart@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:kent.vart@victimsupport.org.uk)

Web: [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

### **Rethink**

#### **Sahayak Asian Mental Health Helpline**

Gravesend service, speak in Gujarati, Punjabi,  
Hindi, Urdu & English

Phone: 0808 800 2073

### **Young Minds**

Mental health support for young people

Phone: (Parent Helpline) 0808 802 5544

Web: [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Young Minds **URGENT** help text YM to 85258

### **Kent Live Well Services**

Porchlight Community Service Link

- Housing, debt and benefits, including online support
- Support with wellbeing at this difficult time
- Liaising with key agencies on your behalf
- Linking to community help and food parcels
- Can provide you with a mobile phone if you do not have access to one

Phone: 0800 567 7699

Email: [info@livewellkent.org.uk](mailto:info@livewellkent.org.uk)

Web: <https://livewellkent.org.uk/in-your-area/dartford-gravesham-swanley>

### **Kent Young Carers**

Phone: 0300 111 1110

Email: [info@kentyoungcarers.org.uk](mailto:info@kentyoungcarers.org.uk)

Twitter: @KentYoungCarers

### **North Kent Mind**

Mental Health Support (age 17+)

Phone: 01322 291380

Email: [admin@northkentmind.co.uk](mailto:admin@northkentmind.co.uk)

Web: [www.northkentmind.co.uk](http://www.northkentmind.co.uk)