

Home Education – Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Thank you for your cooperation during what is a challenging time for everyone. We hope that you feel informed and that the children's home education has been a positive experience so far. We appreciate that it is all very new to us and that there may have been teething problems for some.

We have put together a list of frequently asked questions and hope to answer them for you.

How do I access Espresso and Phonics Play on line?

Phonics Play is free to all users again!

You may log in with the following details:

username: jan21

password: home

The username: march20 with the password: home will also work if you have it on autosave from the previous lockdown.

Espresso has a specific login for our school. We have sent the login details via email and text.

Can I change my child's reading book?

Unfortunately, we will not be providing reading books for children working from home at present as during the last lockdown we lost a large quantity of books at home. We are extremely keen for the children to continue to read daily and recommend using [Oxford Owl](#) to access books which are book banded and age appropriate. The children will recognise many of the reading schemes available.

We also recommend you visit our [Phonics and Reading Resources](#) page which can be found under your class home learning page. Useful resources include a list of common exception words and tricky word flashcards. You will also find useful links to additional reading supports on our [Useful Links](#) page which can also be found under your class home learning page.



In addition to this, although all Hampshire Libraries are closed for browsing, you can still borrow and reserve physical items by using the Ready Reads service (where their team handpick books, according to your preferences, for you to collect) or reserving books of your choice online which will be made ready for you to collect via the [Romsey Library website](#).

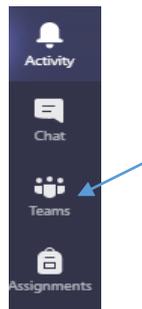
What can I do to support my child's emotional wellbeing?

This is an extremely difficult time for us all and your child may be finding it hard to understand and express how they are feeling. [ELSA Support](#) is a lovely website which provides downloadable resources that support the teaching of managing emotions. There is a parent section with resources suitable for parents to use. There is a link to this website and additional supports on our [Parents & Carers Support](#) page on our school website.

Why can't I log into my small group teaching session on TEAMS?

Why is the teacher not turning up for my TEAMS session?

Before you join a Teams session, you need to click on the Teams icon on the task bar.



You have to join your live virtual sessions at your allocated times when a teacher is signed into the group (please refer to your timetable which was emailed to you with your login details).

For your **small group teaching sessions**, you need to look for the red school logo image inside the blue meeting box in TEAMS. (Cupernham Staff 1/Cupernham Staff 2). 

For your **whole class sessions** you need to look for the scheduled meeting in the blue box with the TEAMS group, labelled Story Time for your class. Then click 'join' in the top right hand corner.



Please do not join before the scheduled time (when you can see Cupernham Staff 1/Cupernham Staff 2 or your class teacher). If you do join too early you will be part of a different subgroup and you will miss the session. If this happens please come out of TEAMS and restart the process.

Why can't I see all of my friends?

When you have joined your live story session, look for the three dots in the top toolbar and click 'view full gallery'. This will allow you to see everyone, who has a camera on, in the meeting.

Do I need to complete every piece of learning?

How often do I need to upload my learning for my teacher to see?

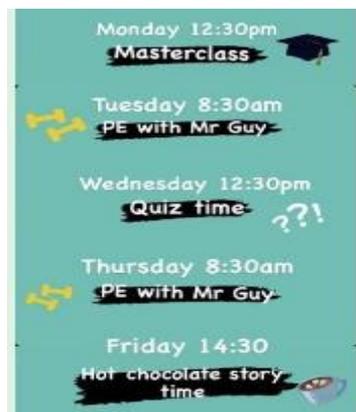
We love seeing your home learning and this is an important part of your learning journey. We do however understand that many of you are home schooling as well as working from home. Although every learning task is hugely important, we appreciate that sometimes completing every task every day may not be achievable. Please complete as much work as possible, but we stress that yours and your child's wellbeing is a priority and there may at times need to be a compromise.

We ask that you please keep all of your child's recorded evidence of learning until the children return to school and send a selection of learning to your teacher via email (or Tapestry for Year R), at least weekly. We are really keen to celebrate your child's successes and provide your child with positive feedback (including digital stickers!) to keep them motivated and offer next steps to further their learning progression.

How can I make the most of all of the learning opportunities provided at CIS?

Our exciting home learning will be uploaded onto the class home learning pages on our website on a Friday afternoon ready for the following week. The relevant links will take you to the activities we are asking the children to do. In addition to this, please use the icons on the left hand side of the class home learning pages for further information and support.

We are thrilled to have launched our new Instagram page: **@cupernhaminfantschool**, where we are live streaming lots of varied learning opportunities daily, including PE sessions and quizzes. You are also able to hashtag your child's learning to share it with our Cupernham community.



If you are not a Instagram user, we are also uploading these recorded streams onto our **YouTube Channel**, [Cupernham Infant School](#).