Parental Engagement, home learning and educating in an unprecedented landscape...

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Education during lockdown
Responses to requests for information.

- Teachers: 70
- Teacher Apprentices: 24
- Parents: 60
Teachers:

- Sudden expectation to teach lessons online. Various platforms.
- Ensuring all children could access work.
- Supporting parents to deliver the learning.
- Chasing those who disengaged.
- Duty of Care - Checking on vulnerable families.
- Communication issues.
- Continuing to teach key worker children in school.

Parents:

- Quality of support and resources varied from school to school – no parity.
- Some felt the level of support from schools was amazing.
- Others felt that they had been left totally on their own.
- Lack of devices in the home was problematic – some parents working too.
- Parents at a loss as to how to deliver learning – everything has changed.
Emerging Patterns...

Live lessons are impractical and unpopular.

Class social meetings (informal) were most popular.

Seeing and hearing the teacher on-screen was the most positive boost for wellbeing.

Parents need to be shown how to support learning at home.
What has worked well?

Homework Task: Teach your parents.
**Prime Areas of Learning and Development**

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| **Spend time with Family taking part in any fun activities:**  
- Spend time together, playing games, watching movies and reading books.  
- Playing in the garden or going on daily walks outdoors.  
- Head out to the park, have a look around, what can you see, hear and feel.  | **Go for a walk or play outside with your family.**  
- Can you practice your walking outside or stretch your arms and legs as much as possible.  
- Create a fun obstacle course in the garden for all of the family. Go under and over objects, weave in and out using your chair, crawl, walk, run, and roll.  | **When outside listen to all the sounds you can hear?**  
- Make sounds in response to the sounds you can hearing and you copy them?  
- Can you hear birds tweeting?  
- Can you hear the rustling of crunchy leaves?  
- Can you hear squirrels running up and down the trees?  
- Can you hear the buzzing bees? |

**Specific Areas of Learning and Development**

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| **Watch and listen to the very hungry caterpillar video story, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK5m1YY**  
Think of all the yummy food the caterpillar eats. Can you make your own caterpillar.  
Try using your hands, to finger paint a caterpillar. Make dots for the body or move your hands in a circular motions. You can even use homemade tools to paint/draw/create your caterpillar. You may even want to try making a caterpillar from playdough. There are homemade dough recipes on the class page on the website.  | **Number, Shape, Measure and Weight related outdoor scavenger hunt!**  
**Can you find 3 different coloured leaves?**  
**Can you find 3 flowers?**  
**Can you find 1 short twig and 1 long twig?**  
**Can you spot a worm, see how long it is?...**  
**Can you find a twig just as long?**  
**Can you spot a mini-beast with a round/circle shapes shell?**  
**Can you find 1 heavy stone and 1 light stone?**  
**Can you find and group 3 different green objects?**  
**Can you find and group together 3 different yellow objects?** |

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| **Can you grow something at home?**  
All you have to do is collect a water bottle and coloured screw top. Empty the old water bottle and fill with soil and any seeds of your choice. There are plenty of seeds found in the foods we eat. Cut your bottle in half and fill with soil and bury your seeds inside. Sprinkle with water and wait and see what you can grow! Check on your plant daily to add water if needed. You can create these little critters, give them a name and watch their hairs grow.  | **Have a fun day in the garden or outside. Listen to lots of outdoor sounds.**  
**Have a go at making something wonderful for your garden. Try and make a bird feeder for all the birds or a beautiful wind chime to make lovely sounds in the wind. See the sheet below for further ideas.** |

**Topic: The Great Outdoors**

**Home learning Choices**

We would like you to complete at least 3 of the activities by the end of this half term.

Please email me a photo/picture/some work to share so I can see what amazing things you have been doing at home!

My email is: j.glover@victoria.bham.sch.uk
Year 4

Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction where appropriate.
“Health professionals are increasingly worried that this is having a big impact on children’s mental health.”

Lisa Nandy
Shadow foreign secretary, Newsnight
Childhood mental health issues were already a concern.

The number of 5-15 year-olds experiencing anxiety and depression increased by 48% between 2004 (3.9%) and 2017 (5.8%)

Youngminds.org.uk

One in eight (12.8%) 5 to 19 year olds had at least one mental disorder when assessed in 2017.

Actionforchildren.org.uk

70% of children and adolescents with mental health issues have not received appropriate interventions at a sufficiently early age.

Children’s society (2008)
Now is the time to challenge the education system

Young people continue to be judged on academic performance with little regard for their mental health. Literacy and numeracy are seen as the key markers of success. Yet young people are facing unprecedented pressures in life, leading to anxiety, depression and eating disorders.

This needs to change.
More than 10,000 parents have now taken part in the Co-SPACE (COVID-19 Supporting Parents, Adolescents, and Children in Epidemics) survey led by experts at the University of Oxford.

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I keep hearing that children are going to be anxious and affected – but those who have returned so far have been fine. It will be dependent upon personal circumstances... Some may have experienced bereavement or severe illness. It will be context-driven.

Our children are amazingly resilient!

Headteacher – inner city Birmingham school
Schools may cut curriculum to focus on maths and English for a year

Return to teaching the full curriculum may not happen now until next summer, according new plans

By Camilla Turner, Education Editor
29 June 2020 • 6:09pm

'We understand additional pressures on teachers' but curriculum must be full, broad and balanced

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Key points:

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson

29th June 2020

2nd July 2020
“Out of adversity comes opportunity.”

Eckhart Tolle
The task of education is not to teach subjects it is to teach students
Why leaders must embrace the 3 Hs: head, heart, hands

A new world awaits everyone in education and leaders must guide the way. The three Hs can help, says Liz Roberston

Liz Robinson
12th June 2020 14:02
"Agents of hope: teaching mental health and well being after lockdown"

Agents of Hope

Excelsior Academy Trust  a.moffat@excelsiormat.org
Training module

Teaching mental wellbeing

Part of: Health education

Primary

Secondary

June 2020
5 Steps to Mental Wellness

1. Connect with other people
2. Be physically active
3. Learn new skills
4. Give to others
5. Pay attention to the present moment - Mindfulness
Mindfulness
In summing up:

I feel we have a unique opportunity to work together to create an educational approach that will effectively prepare children to lead valuable, productive lives, where all talents and interests are nurtured.
Questions