



Roots to grow and wings to fly

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Dear parents,

Following the announcement made last night by Commander British Forces, Major General Rob Thomson, all MoD Schools within Cyprus, including Akrotiri School, will move from a physical to remote delivery of learning. In effect, this means that as of the close of play today the school will be closed to children and we will seek to support learning remotely. Akrotiri School is due to re-open to children after the Easter break.

I fully appreciate that this could cause some anxiety, but these are unprecedented times and we will work through it together. Today your child(ren) will come home with a starter learning pack – please do not be alarmed as teachers will be in regular contact to guide children through it. It is not anticipated that all packs will be completed tomorrow, or by the end of the week, so please look out for communication from class teachers with regard to expectations through the usual channels. For children who have been absent today there will be a co-ordinated effort to ensure that relevant learning packs are delivered to your SFA tomorrow.

I will be meeting with all teachers after school tonight so that we have a co-ordinated approach to meeting our aspirations of remote learning – not least a suggested framework or structure for each day. There is not an expectation that your child(ren) will engage in 5 hours of formalised or structured learning in front of a screen or at a desk. Your child's teacher will liaise with you regularly with the suggested format of the learning tasks, which will include both formalised and active activities. There is lots of support and advice going around on social media and many educational companies are offering further support. We will sift through and suggest ideas or sites that we feel will be of benefit, so please do not become overwhelmed with a feeling that you must do everything that you see online.

Please bear with us over the first couple of days as we get to grips with this new way of working – we have also set up a new area on the website <https://www.akrotiri.school/information/remote-learning/> where there are useful links. With regard to remote learning, I would welcome feedback of what is working well and what is not so that we can refine as we progress up to the Easter break, during which there will be no remote learning activities sent home. Use the email at the top of the letter.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Best wishes,

Ben Turner

Headmaster