



Addendum for the COVID outbreak

Home Learning

Work will be regularly updated on Purplemash.com and Mymaths.co.uk which all children have their own safe, secure access to. Any other sites suggested by Thorpedene during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak are educational and/or have been recommended by reputable sources.

Reporting concerns and e-safety

We must emphasise the importance of a safe online environment and encourage parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. We ask parents/carers to have discussions with their children about the importance of online safety and what to do if anything makes them feel uncomfortable. If they ever wish to report harmful online content then they should visit: [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/). If they wish to get advice on reporting online abuse they should visit the National Crime Agency's [Child Exploitation and Online Protection command](https://www.nca.gov.uk/child-exploitation/) or click on the CEOP button at the bottom of <https://thorpedene.southend.sch.uk/>



Teachers recording videos to share through YouTube

Videos will only be shared through the school's YouTube account.

- Videos set to 'Unlisted' so that only people who have the link (e.g. parents who you've emailed) will be able to see the video
- Audience is set as 'Made for kids', so that adverts won't appear at the start of the video, and comments will be disabled

Teachers will be told to:

- Record against a neutral background
- Avoid recording in their bedroom if they can (if that's not possible, use a neutral background)
- Dress like they would for school - no pyjamas!
- Double check what other tabs they have open in their browser, if they're sharing their screen (e.g. no search results for adult content open in another tab)
- Use professional language

Using school channels to communicate

As always, staff shouldn't communicate with parents or pupils outside school channels (e.g., they shouldn't talk to parents using their personal Facebook accounts, or contact pupils using their personal email addresses or phone numbers).

Teachers are to use Purple Mash to communicate via email with the children as this is a safe environment that is monitored. Personal email accounts should never be used. Parents and carers can continue to contact the school via office@thorpedene.southend.sch.uk.