

Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to do even more to support our local community during these very uncertain times. To strengthen our community spirit, The Grove School are giving our own local twist to the 'Run for Heroes 5k' that has swept the nation since the Covid-19 crisis started. We will be running, walking or cycling 5km either in one go, or over a few days, and then nominating five other people to complete the challenge with the hope that as many people as possible in our community take part.

Many people in our community are finding things extremely difficult during these times of uncertainty and we want to do our bit to support our local people. We have decided to provide the option of making a voluntary donation on completion of the challenge and all funds raised will go to Market Drayton Foodbank.

What do you have to do?

Once you have completed the challenge please share your success by adding your results to the post on our Facebook page [@GroveSchoolShropshire](#)

If you would like to make an optional donation, please do so by clicking on this link: [Grove Community 5K Challenge](#)

The process is really simple:

1. Run, cycle, walk 5 km
2. Share your success with everyone by adding your results to the post on our Facebook page [@GroveSchoolShropshire](#)
3. Nominate 5 other people to do the challenge
4. Optional donation to Market Drayton Foodbank

Let's stand together to make our own community even stronger during these strange times.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



NOTICES

Updated DfE guidance

The guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings has been updated with additional information on the resources and support available to help parents educate their children at home. To view the updated guidance please [click here](#).



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Trust newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Spring Newsletter has been published. It is packed with highlights from Cross-Trust activities that students have partaken in and is available to view by [clicking here](#).



Slowing the spread

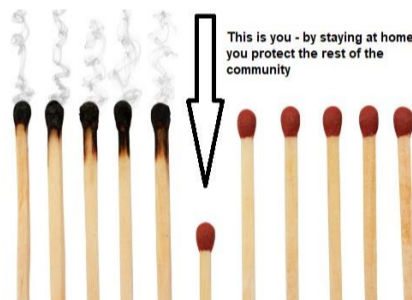
Please see below information on helping the UK slow the spread of Covid-19. The image below shows how you can help, please adhere to all guidelines in place.

http://news.files.bbc.co.uk/include/newsspec/pdfs/BBC_SlowTheSpread.pdf

Supporting you

Health Visitors, School Nurses and Family Nurses are all still working to support you. Please click on the link [here](#) for more information and their contact details.

Keep Your Distance

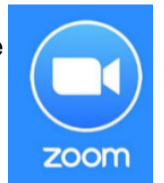


This is you - by staying at home you protect the rest of the community

Zoom video conferencing app & e-safety activity packs

During this difficult time, an app that has become very popular is Zoom, used by professionals and individuals it has an excellent range of features such as real time messaging, sharing screens uploading and sharing content. However, as with all applications that allow access to content and provide communication links to others, it has risks. [A link here](#) explains these dangers and suggests setting changes which add additional levels of security for users. There also links to guidance on other very popular apps used by teenagers.

If you feel your child would benefit from some online safety guidance there are a range of age appropriate activity packs [available here](#)



from the excellent Thinkuknow website which is from CEOP National crime agency.

Competitions & Challenges

Drama opportunity: The National Theatre are providing an online free streaming of four live productions which you would normally pay around £10 per ticket for. They are streaming every Thursday in April from 7pm. It is a chance for ALL students, parents and staff to watch some prestigious theatre from home. Visit [here](#) to view, the offering is:

- One Man, Two Guvnors: Featuring a Tony Award-winning performance from James Corden as Francis Henshall in this hilarious West End and Broadway hit. Streaming from 7pm on Thursday 2 April. Available until 9 April.
- Jane Eyre: This bold and innovative reimagining of Charlotte Brontë's masterpiece uncovers one woman's fight for freedom and fulfilment on her own terms. Streaming from 7pm on Thursday 9 April. Available until 16 April.
- Treasure Island: Robert Louis Stevenson's story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life in this thrilling stage adaptation. Featuring Arthur Darvill as Long John Silver. Streaming from 7pm on Thursday 16 April. Available until 23 April.
- Twelfth Night: Where music is the food of love, and nobody is quite what they seem, anything proves possible in Shakespeare's classic comedy. Featuring Tamsin Greig as Malvolia. Streaming from 7pm Thursday 23 April. Available until 30 April.

Maths opportunity: Students will have great fun decoding maths clues to find the suspect in this murder mystery. If you think it's something your children might like, visit [here](#).

D&T competition: Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18th May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

PE challenge: Gold medallist and British and European sprint record holder Mickey Bushell MBE will be setting students within The Marches Academy Trust a press-up challenge! Follow our Facebook page to find out more, take part and have opportunity to win a medal.

History competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26th June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

CAREERS

Mrs Murphy, our Careers Adviser, will be available for remote career guidance during the school closure should your child have any career or work experience related questions or concerns. She will be sending out useful articles and will be in touch with Colleges and Sixth Forms to keep abreast of developments relating to admissions. She can be contacted by email at: murphy.m@mrat.co.uk



USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass Early Help	0345 678 9021 https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/
Parenting Team SEND Local Offer	01743 250950 https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#).



FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook [@GroveSchoolShropshire](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news, competitions and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).



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