



Value of the month: Our value for May is courage

These lyrics are from one of our favourite assembly songs - One More Step

**Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;**

How have you shown courage this week? Have you seen any acts of courage by others?



## Returning to School

The Department for Education tweeted yesterday (Wednesday 6th May) that there is no set date for schools to reopen. Schools will remain closed to most until scientific advice indicates it is right to reopen and the five tests set out to beat this virus have been met.

We await the government's announcements about lockdown changes on Sunday and will then make decisions that are in the best interests for the safety of the children and staff at Catshill.

Please do contact us if you have any concerns.

## Quick Links to our Online Out of School Learning

Our new learning opportunities are updated and uploaded by the class teachers every week and can be found in our **Out of School Learning** section under the parent tab of our website. We've tried to include ideas and suggestions that will keep the children's brains active during the time when our school doors are shut to most children. [Out of School Learning](#)

The ideas are not compulsory and it is fine for children to try out the learning for other year groups or to work with their siblings on something together. We suggest that a bit of reading, a bit of writing and a bit of maths every day will keep skills sharp. It's fine to be creative and think of other ways to access learning too.

If you want to catch up with something that was set before, all previous weeks' learning has moved to the year group pages.

Please see our **storytime** section for videos of school staff sharing books and other messages with you.

[Story Time](#)

Have you visited our new Well-Being page? There are new materials on there this week. [Well-being](#)

Our SEND page has more links for pupils with Special Educational Needs.

<https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/send/>

The Speech and Language team have added to their wonderful resources (not just for those with speech needs) [Resources for Children's Speech and Language](#) There's a great new resource included which helps children to deal with coronavirus anxieties.

We are also happy to promote the new BBC bitesize daily lessons [Home](#) and the online lessons from Oak National Academy [Schedule](#)

## Free School Meal Vouchers

You may have seen in the press that there have been some delays again within the Free School Meal voucher system; we hope that we have sorted out any issues with those who have been in touch. The following information may help you to understand how the system operates:

Vouchers are issued for £15 each week for each eligible child. If you have more than one eligible child, the vouchers are issued in the name of only one child. Vouchers may be issued for more than one week at a time. The vouchers are issued via email from Edenred and, if you still have not received yours, it may be worth checking your email spam folder.

Please contact the school office with any queries.



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## VE Day Celebrations

The children and staff who have been in school this week have enjoyed making bunting and learning about the significance of this special day. If you pass the school on your daily walk, look out for our colourful bunting on the fence. We hope that you manage to make the most of the Bank Holiday even in these difficult times.



## Home Learning Slideshow

Lots of children have been doing some wonderful home learning activities and have shared photos with Mrs Mercer.



Our first slideshow is up on our website and has been shared on social media. If you'd like to appear in the next slideshow, please send us your photos. More information here: <https://www.catshillfirst.co.uk/out-of-school-learning/>

## Relationships and Sex Education Policy

We have been developing our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy ahead of its implementation in September 2020. The policy has been written in collaboration with other schools and within the PSHÉ association guidelines. It is intended to complement the policy for Catshill Middle School. Before ratification by the Governing Body, we invite parents to read and comment on our draft policy [Policies](#)

### Relationships and Sex Education Policy - draft

Please sent any questions or comments to Mrs Coleby on (please use RSE Policy as the subject)

## Keeping Active with All Active Academy

May's competition from the All Active Academy is underway and Week 4 of the Physical Activity Challenge is about to start. Look on Twitter and Facebook to find out more **#StayInWorkOut**

**New activities added each week!**

There are prizes to be won for the schools with the highest number of social media posts! Let's get active! You can upload your photos or videos using the **#StayInWorkOut** and tag using the social media below. More information is available on our social media pages.

**Have you posted yet?**

Twitter @all\_cic and Facebook @allactiveacademy

## E-safety Reminder



We will keep this reminder about e-safety on our weekly newsletter as we know that the use of internet and technology has increased. Please continue to be mindful of the dangers of being on-line as well as the advantages. Please see our school website for further details [eSafety](#) or use the support on the Think You Know website [Thinkuknow - home](#).



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