



30th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I want to update you on what has been happening in school last week.

It goes without saying that this has been the strangest and most surreal week we have ever experienced. The school has stayed open for those children of key workers to enable them to carry out their work supporting the NHS, care workers and other key roles. We recognise that these roles must continue during the holiday when the usual childcare is not available. I have written to this group of parents to outline how this will work.

Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will soon, if they haven't already, receive the voucher which the school has purchased through Asda. This card will be topped up every 2 weeks.

We hope to hear soon about the how Year 11 will have their qualifications awarded. I will send out details when we receive them. In the meantime, Year 11 should continue to be academically active maintaining regular practice on English and maths and those who are going on to further education, they should also concentrate on studying the subjects they intend to take next year.

It is becoming clear that the need for us to stay at home will continue for weeks to come and we should prepare ourselves for this when it comes to school. I would encourage pupils to maintain a healthy balanced lifestyle during the 'lock down' i.e. good sleep patterns, healthy diet, appropriate exercise and keeping themselves mentally and academically healthy with regular reading and school work on Show my Homework.

Children and Young People are equally as likely to catch the coronavirus as any other age group in the population. Therefore, they have a very important role in reducing the spread of the infection so that the health service can manage in these extraordinary times. It is very important that young people do not physically mix with others outside of their household, difficult though this can be.

Yours sincerely

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Believe all things are possible