

Dear Pupil and Students,

There is much for us to communicate to you today. We thought it would be most helpful for you if we were able to give it to you in a written form.

1. Thank you for your cooperation and help over these last few days, as the situation with the Coronavirus has been changing and developing. As the staff here, we have appreciated this.
2. As you will have noticed, each day we have fewer staff available for their work here. As from tomorrow, Thursday, we will no longer be able to run lessons for all year groups.
3. We have decided to make it a priority for the exam years of 11, 12 and 13 and the youngest year, Year 7, to be able to stay in school. For these year groups their school day tomorrow will begin at 9.50am with Period 2 and will end after Period 5 and Afternoon Registration at 2.30pm. Lessons 2-5, Break and Lunch-time will be as normal. At the moment we plan for this to be the same on Friday.
4. For Years 8, 9 and 10 lessons will move on-line with effect from tomorrow, Thursday. This means that you will have a 30-minute lesson for each subject you would have had here, if you had been here during the day. The same will happen on Friday and on each day when you are not able to attend school as normal. Mr Hart's notes on the other side of this sheet explain how this will work. Each week you will have one short homework task per subject.
5. Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 will also have on-line lessons and homework set for them, once they are no longer in school.
6. Even though Years 8, 9 and 10 are not in school tomorrow, you are able to come to the school during either Period 3 or Period 4 to collect a packed lunch, if you are normally entitled to a Free School Meal or if you have a concern which you wish to discuss with a member of staff. If you do this, you should report to Reception and wait there until someone can see you.
7. During this period of closure, the school will continue to be there for you. Mr Cook's notes on the second side explain how you can contact us, if you need to do so.
8. None of us know how long this period of closure may last and exactly what form it may take. What we will do is communicate each day with your parents and carers about what is happening and the arrangements and plans which the school is putting in place. This includes what we will do for those of you who have public exams this summer.

This term we have been thinking together in our assemblies about the idea of "Tenacity" with the help of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. We are certainly going to need that tenacity in the days ahead. I know that you will do your best to be there for your family and for the others here at school. For this there is the promise in Philippians that *the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Yours sincerely

Mr Parrish

Notes from Mr Hart, Senior Assistant Headteacher

During the closure of the school, you will be expected to follow your daily timetable of lessons at home. Your teachers will create lessons for you to complete in all your subjects and they will also set one homework a week.

How will this work?

- 1) You will find your lessons in Show My Homework, stored in 'Student Folders' and they will be saved in number order. You will start Lesson 1 and continue the lessons in sequence as they are uploaded. I have attached a document that reminds you how to find 'Student Folders'.
- 2) You can access 'Student folders' on the Show My Homework [website](#), which you can access via your SMART phone. Please note you cannot access 'Student Folders' via the Show My Homework App on your phone or tablet.
- 3) Each lesson should take around 30 minutes to complete. There will be work that all pupils can access and work that will be challenging.
- 4) Each class teacher will set one piece of 'homework' per class they teach. This will be related to the uploaded lessons, and will be either electronically submitted, or self-assessed.
- 5) All work should be completed in your exercise books, and if they are finished, complete work on lined paper and safely store in an organised file.
- 6) If you do not have a computer at home and cannot access the lessons through your SMART phone, the school will provide work for you.

The school will be in regular contact with your parents and carers, and we will keep you updated about any changes that we make to the way the lessons are uploaded, or work is submitted.

Our one key piece of advice to you is to keep to the school routine. You should:

- Complete two lessons,
- Have a break
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- Have lunch
- Complete two lessons
- Have a break
- Complete homework

We will be monitoring the use of Show My Homework during the period the school is closed to make sure you are able to complete the work and can keep up with the curriculum.

Notes from Mr Cook Senior Assistant Headteacher