

24 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: CV19

I am writing to ask that you please keep your child at home until further notice if you possibly can and it is safe to do so.

The announcement from the Prime Minister yesterday evening shows the gravity of the current public health emergency and I am writing to implore you to keep your child at home please unless both adults in the family are key workers with no other option but to send your child to school.

If this is the case I would like you to email me directly to let me know when your child needs to be in, this will allow me to minimise the number of staff in school. My direct email is [wildent@testvalley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:wildent@testvalley.hants.sch.uk).

Clegg and Brooking are no longer able to provide a bus service for us for the foreseeable future. If your child does have to be in school then transport will need to be provided by you for them. If this is a problem we can discuss this when you email me.

The School has tried very hard to provide a service during incredibly difficult circumstances for society as a whole.

We appreciate your support in keeping everybody safe - including those who work in our school.

Work for all subjects has been posted on Moodle. There are extensive instructions on the Moodle homepage which explain how to enrol in "Remote Working" course for each subject. "Mr Langdown's guide to accessing files and working from home" is also available. Simply scroll down the home page to view these instructions. Work can either be completed electronically or on paper and stored, ready to bring in to school at a later date.

As a guide, pupils should follow their daily timetable as if they were in school and should set aside time each day for these subjects. They should work through the tasks on Moodle but should take their time over tasks in order to think about them carefully - there is no need to rush through tasks in order to complete the quickly.

If pupils have completed work they should carry out additional research around the topics they have been studying. There are many online resources available to help them to do this including Seneca Learning, GCSE Pod and BBC Bitesize. BBC iPlayer is also a source of some excellent documentaries which will support learning in many subjects.

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For Year 11, we advised that you begin to read around the topics you may be studying post 16. We now know for certain that your exams this summer have been cancelled but we have not yet received certainty about how your grades will be given. I will write to you as soon as this is clear.

Whilst it is important that pupils continue learning, it is also important that they look after their own mental health during this uncertain time.

Please encourage your children to cook, read, draw, sing, dance and design and do not feel that they have to stick too rigidly to a formal timetable over the coming weeks. Please do also refer to the guidance leaflet we sent out last week which offers support.

These are unprecedented times and we are adapting daily. My thoughts are with you and your families during this difficult period. We will get through it.

Please stay safe.

Kind regards

Ms T Wilden  
Head of school