

Dear Parents/Carers

Just an update for you about how to best support your child at home.

There is no new information to share with you but I would like to remind you of a number of important things. You will all be aware that we are all encouraged to stay at home whenever possible. I am sure you are insisting your children stay at home and in doing so try to limit the spread of COVID 19 as much as possible.

You will be making sure your child does some school work at home. We have sent a number of letters to help you do this but I am aware that many pupils have not yet logged in to their email. Please make sure they do this as soon as possible. Texts were sent last week to explain how to do that. Whilst there are materials on the website, teachers are setting work on that for pupils in all years and this is what they should be following. There is no need to print materials, work set can be completed on paper or as a Word document.

We requested that your child should be looking at academic work for up to 3 hours a day. At the start of this time of isolation we are all adjusting to our new situation so if your child is anxious about that please do not push them to do this. We do not want to compromise their wellbeing. The time could be spent being outside in the garden, reading a book together, playing board games together or getting some exercise.

Pupils in Year 10 and 12 do need to attend the Teams lessons with their teaching staff. If you feel your child is unable to do that please contact their teacher or PSO. These lessons provide an opportunity to interact beyond the home and we hope will reassure pupils that teachers are still there for them and wanting to help them.

As stated previously we do not expect you to be teachers and experts in all these subjects, please just support and encourage your child in the work. I am sure you will understand that the teachers have been working very hard in a trying situation to gather work together. We understand that some pupils get extra support in class and this is far more difficult when the learning is remote. If they are struggling, please reassure them and help them access any work they can.

I would encourage you to keep up to date with the website or Facebook we are trying to share links for other activities that you and your child will enjoy.

I hope that you and your families stay well. We are here for you if you need us.

Yours sincerely

Helen Seddon