

Pupil, parent and carer update – 1st May 2020

We hope you are all well and coping as best you can. As we near the end of week 5 of lockdown I know how difficult this is for us all in lots of different ways. While I have seen many of our school values on display right across our school community the school value that is perhaps most relevant at the moment is “perseverance”. We know that we need to keep following guidance that is tough but crucial in saving lives and moving towards a situation where we can get back to normal. And although it may not seem like it at the moment we will get back to normal, get back to seeing all of our friends and family, and get back to learning in our school. And maybe we will place greater value on all those everyday relationships and interactions that we miss so much and took for granted before all of this. Anyway, a few important updates for you below:

New S4/S5/S6

You will receive your new timetables by post from the week beginning 4th May in advance of your new timetable starting on Monday 11th May. Sending this through the post is the easiest way for us to make sure everyone receives their timetable. You will also receive information on how your new classes with your new teachers will be set up in Microsoft Teams. We have brought forward the change of timetable for you as we can get you in your new classes and starting your new courses as soon as possible. There will also be year group virtual assemblies to welcome you back and share some important key messages about the new timetable. As you can imagine, sorting out the new timetables while the school has been closed has not been easy. If there are any mistakes in your timetable don't worry! In the first instance email your PC&S teacher (addresses below) and we will be able to sort you out. We're not sure how long the post will take so if you haven't received your timetable by Friday 8th May let your PC&S teacher know by email.

New S2/S3

You will all receive your new timetables by post from the week beginning 11th May as well as information about how your new classes with your new teachers will be set up on Microsoft Teams. There will also be a virtual year group assembly with a welcome from your Year Head DHT and some important key messages about the new timetable. As you can imagine, sorting out the new timetables while the school has been closed has not been easy. If there are any mistakes in your timetable don't worry! In the first instance email your PC&S teacher (addresses below) and we will be able to sort you out. We're not sure how long the post will take so if you haven't received your timetable by Friday 15th May let your PC&S teacher know by email. Until then you should continue to access work and online learning as you have been. Remember links to your work are available from the front page of the school website.

Digital Survey

Thanks to all of the parents who responded to our Digital survey. We are currently looking at these and will be following up with pupils and families who have identified a lack of access to devices or a lack of internet connection as issues. We do not have an unlimited supply of spare devices but will do all we can to help. Meanwhile, if this continues to be an

issue for you and you are unable to access any learning please let your PCS teacher know via email at the addresses below.

Term 4 Trip Refunds

We have been working really hard to refund money you are due because of the cancellation of trips. We know that any financial boost at this time will be helpful to you. As you can understand this has not been easy – both for the school as we are closed and access to systems is difficult, and for the companies we have booked with. However, our school admin team are pulling out all of the stops with this and have either been in touch with parents or will be soon about arranging refunds. Thank you for your understanding with this. We have not yet made a decision about the planned S2 residential due to take place in September and have been trying to contact the provider. We will let you know about this as soon as we can but in the meantime please do not make any further payments towards this.

Pupil Care and Support Email Addresses

As stated above please contact your Pupil Care and Support teacher if there are any issues with your new timetable. If there are please do not worry. We will be able to sort them out.

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Stay safe, stay strong, take care

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