

3rd April 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I am writing to update you on arrangements for the school during the Coronavirus – Covid 19 crisis. Please note that there will be continuous updates from the government and we in turn will communicate these to you. I understand that this is a time of considerable disruption and worry for everyone and we will endeavour to work with all parties to keep everyone safe and healthy.

You will be aware that the number of incidents both locally and nationally are increasing rapidly and our first thoughts must be to keep everyone in our school community safe and healthy. **The government has made it clear that everyone should stay at home wherever possible. This will help to keep everyone safer by reducing the spread of the virus.**

School closure

School continues to be closed as per government instructions to all pupils in order to prevent further spread of the virus. There may be some provision for a small number of pupils according to government criteria such as parents who are key workers. Any requests should be via the school email at the bottom of this letter. Please note that any requests will be looked at in line with the key principle, as outlined by the government, that children should only be sent to school as a last resort. This is important to stop the spread of the infection to staff, pupils and their families.

Home Learning

Whilst school is closed please ensure your child continues to study at home. There will be no sanctions but please ensure your child is studying regularly. Activities and resources for pupils of each year group are posted and updated on the school VLE and include:

- Reading a book for at least 30 minutes every day
- Using resources provided for each year group on the VLE
- Completing all online homework on FrogPlay and IXL Maths
- Year 7 should also practise numeracy using TT Rockstars
- Year 9 – 11 should use GCSE Pod to prepare for their exams.
- We are also posting on the VLE a list of Easter Holiday Challenge activities, which may help to provide wider activities and experiences for children during this time of social distancing.

Obviously this is a time of considerable disruption and worry for everyone but I hope that our ethos of mutual support both in and out of school will see us through to better times.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries. This can be done through emailing the school's enquiry email address enquiry@yardleys.bham.sch.uk

Take care of yourselves, your children and family members.

Yours sincerely



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