

20 March 2020

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Thank you for your support in this difficult period. We send our best wishes to you and your family. You will remain in our thoughts and we will be available to you via email. Should you think there is something that we can help with, or if you are concerned about a pupil's welfare or safety, please contact us via your Primary School's admin email address.

### **Homework**

We have made preparations in order to support our pupils continue with their learning. We have sent messages to parents to ask if they have a problem with internet access. We will continue to communicate and will do our best. Please be aware that teachers might not be able to set work if they become ill.

We have prepared work packs for each child, which are coming home today.

Work and activities for pupils will also be set on Mathletics, Purple Mash, TT Rockstars (KS2) and Nessy (if your child has an account). These programs can be accessed by a computer, tablet and most smart phones. In addition, set tasks for your child will be sent to you via email daily.

Children's work can be saved through the school 'portal' on our website. This will allow children to access their 'U' drive, where Teaching staff can monitor the work that is completed. **Instructions and login details for your child have been sent home with you child on a separate coloured sheet; please ensure this information is kept secure.** This will be posted to you if your child has been absent. Not all children have a TT Rockstars account at present; we will be setting these up in due course and communicating with you.

The work set will be a variety of tasks, not all requiring computer access. There may be some project work set. There is an expectation that your child will complete work daily, during term time. Tasks will be emailed daily at 9am in the morning.

### **Free School Meals**

We are presently awaiting guidance and are in the process of planning for this. We will of course fulfil our obligations and be in touch with parents of pupils entitled to free school meals.

### **Key workers**

The tone of the advice has changed in the last 24 hours and guidance about key workers has been introduced. We draw your attention to the phrase *Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.*

Guidance can be found on [Government Advice: Key Workers](#)

### **Transport**

We have been informed by Devon County Council that they will continue to provide school transport for children of key workers, plus those children with Education Health Care Plans or who have a Social Worker.

The transport provided directly by the College (Chulmleigh 60, 61, 62 and 63) will continue should there be a requirement.

We will, of course, update you should there be any changes.

### **Social distancing**

You will be aware of the guidance. It can be found on [Government Advice: Social Distancing](#)

### **Communication**

We will continue to update you on a regular basis. Any urgent messages will be sent via text or e-mail. The Schools' Facebook pages will also be updated regularly. We recognise that communication is two-way, so please do not hesitate to contact us via the admin email address for your school:

[admin@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

[admin@eastworlington-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@eastworlington-primary.devon.sch.uk)

[admin@lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lapford-primary.devon.sch.uk)

These e-mail addresses will be monitored on a daily basis.

Finally, pupils and staff have shown real character this week. Behaviour has been sensitive and strong; Chulmleigh Academy has a great team and we're all proud to be part of it.

Look after yourself and your children. We look forward with great anticipation to a return to a normal way of life, which this situation has made us appreciate.

Yours faithfully



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