



Friday 20th March, 2020.

Dear pupils,

We are going through an unprecedented period and we are having to take some extreme measures to support the national effort in tackling the outbreak of the Coronavirus. In a bid to support “social distancing” the government are closing schools to the majority of pupils. “Social distancing” refers to the process of reducing the amount of social interactions we are having by staying at home, this helps to reduce the spread of the virus in order to protect the most vulnerable in society.

We all have a duty to take “social distancing” seriously and therefore when not at school you should be working from home interacting with TEAMS. Your teachers will be posting resources to allow you to follow your normal timetable at home, logging in to use the resources for the lesson that you would normally have at that time.

You have the ability to leave a post for the member of staff should you get stuck or need some direction. This feature of TEAMS should only be used to interact with member of staff, if you use it to communicate with your peers then this will populate the feed with many messages and your teacher will find it difficult to filter those requesting help. Your teacher will respond to messages but this might not be in “real time”, that is to say they may not respond immediately.

It’s really important that you approach the coming weeks in the right way. The initial temptation for some of you might be to view the next few weeks as a longer holiday but this is the wrong attitude to adopt. Learning is about acquiring skills and knowledge that equip you for future challenges and a successful life. So keep working hard and interacting with the resources we post on TEAMS, at the very least this will help best prepare you for the challenges that school brings upon your return.

We will ensure that you are kept updated with any developments as soon as we receive any guidance. We’re sorry that you won’t be attending school for a while and we’ll miss you greatly, our school community will be lacking valued members. I look forward to seeing you in the near future and to school recommencing as normal. Work hard and look after yourselves and those around you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin
Principal.

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