

KDS/JSS

19 March 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Update - Thursday 19th March 2020

Thank you for your patience today whilst we have tried to find out more information from the Government as to how school will operate beyond Monday. We are still unclear on so many issues but I hope here we offer the clarification we can.

You will be aware that there have been extreme measures placed in Europe, where there have been spikes in deaths caused by the virus. The Prime Minister again reiterated today that guidance remains the same and it is vital that we follow the advice scrupulously, this is

- Stay at home if anyone has symptoms (see advice further on in this update)
- Avoid all unnecessary contact
- Work from home where it is possible
- Avoid all social gatherings

You will have also seen other measures taken today such as no wedding can be greater than 5 people in number. This really starts to help us understand our social responsibility to ensure that we follow the measures outlined to ensure **that we delay transmission of the virus.**

Year 11

It was with great sadness that I spoke to Year 11 today and confirmed that tomorrow will be their last day at Crestwood. There is no requirement for them to attend as it has been confirmed that they will **NOT** be sitting any exams this year. They will **NOT** have the opportunity to sit them later and grades will be awarded in August as planned. What the basis of these grades will be is yet to be decided by the Government. As soon as we know this we will share this information with you. Some important information:

- We will be keeping Year 11 books in case of the need of evidence.
- Some students wish to continue working on Art, D&T, Business and ICT coursework, which is allowable.
- Work is placed on line and we urge all Year 11 students to keep studying so that they are ready for the next stage of their education at College.
- We have reserved an additional date for the prom in September should it not be allowed to go ahead in June
- We are holding a "Leavers Lunch" tomorrow for Year 11 at 12.15pm to celebrate their last school day.

Crestwood Community School

Shakespeare Campus, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4FZ | Cherbourg Campus, Cherbourg Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5EL

Email: adminoffice@crestwood.hants.sch.uk Tel: 023 8064 1232 Web: www.crestwood.hants.sch.uk



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- Year 11 have requested they have their shirt signing tomorrow and I have agreed that this is acceptable.

Year 10 Work Experience

We regret to announce that year 10 Work Experience will **NOT** take place this year, thank you for all of your efforts in securing placements but we will not be able to arrange health and safety checks on the work placements so we will be unable to proceed.

Year 8

Year 8 vaccinations will be rescheduled later in the year, we are awaiting advice from the school nursing service as to when they will be conducted.

Partial Closure Tomorrow

Due to continued staff absence we have taken the following actions:

- Closed to Years 8, 9 and 10 on Friday 20.3.20

Easter Holidays

Although the Government has announced that school may be open at Easter, Crestwood will not be open, as many staff have commitments and due to the late announcements are not available. I will be seeking advice from the LA to see if there is another local school offering this provision so that Key worker children can attend if desired.

Free School Meals (FSM) as the result of closure

- The Prime Minister has stated that all FSM families will receive vouchers but as yet they are still developing the National approach. We have been told that supermarket vouchers will be issued for non age related products, for example you would not be able to buy alcohol with these.
- In the interim we will be providing **for the next four weeks** food parcels to support these families, these weeks include the Easter Holidays. These parcels will be provided in weekly issues, one per child. In these food parcels will be recipe ideas that you could cook with the food provided.
- The first parcels will be available Monday 23rd from 9am - 11am from the Shakespeare Campus.
- The second parcel will be available on Monday 30th from 9am - 11am also available from the Shakespeare campus.
- The 3rd and 4th Parcels will be available on Friday 3rd April 10am - 12pm, to cover the weeks beginning 6th April and 13th April. These parcels will be available from the Shakespeare Campus.

Crestwood Community School

Shakespeare Campus, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4FZ | Cherbourg Campus, Cherbourg Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5EL

Email: adminoffice@crestwood.hants.sch.uk Tel: 023 8064 1232 Web: www.crestwood.hants.sch.uk



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

- For families who are unable to collect their parcels in exceptional circumstances we will endeavour to deliver, however we welcome parents who could volunteer their services. Please contact alan.hussey@crestwood.hants.sch.uk for either delivery or volunteering it would be much appreciated.
- From the week beginning the 20th April we should be available to offer vouchers as per Government guidance unless parents would prefer the service to continue as it is.
- **Those in receipt of Free School Meals and their child qualifies to attend school, and they wish to send them, as prescribed by the Government, to receive their meals in school and are not eligible for the food parcels being distributed.**

On site provision for some students during the school closure

The government has asked us to keep the school open to certain qualifying students from Monday.

- Students with an EHCP
- Students with a Social Worker
- Children of a Key Worker

We are still awaiting the definition of Key Worker from the government. As soon as we have this we will be sending out a google form for completion by the parents of eligible students. Thank you to all those parents who have contacted us already, but we would be grateful if you could complete the form when it is sent out, to confirm your situation and intentions as soon as possible. Staff who state they are Key Workers will be expected to show their ID as proof that they qualify.

Whilst I fully support the government's move, as a Headteacher I also have a duty of care to the staff and the students. Today we have had several more staff needing to isolate and some have fallen ill. I need parents to think very carefully about whether they should send their child into school if they qualify, as the measure has been implemented because of the effect it can have **in delaying transmission of the virus**. As with all decisions of this nature, I ask that parents act in a responsible manner and protect their own children, themselves and that of my staff and their families.

For the week beginning 23rd March we will be providing an education for eligible students only **on both campuses initially between the hours of 8.30am - 2pm**.

Students and staff are not required to wear uniform or professional dress.

Crestwood Community School

Shakespeare Campus, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4FZ | Cherbourg Campus, Cherbourg Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5EL

Email: adminoffice@crestwood.hants.sch.uk Tel: 023 8064 1232 Web: www.crestwood.hants.sch.uk



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

From the week beginning 30th March we will be providing an education for eligible students only **at the CHERBOURG CAMPUS**. The reason behind this decision is that we can then aim to shut down the Shakespeare building to optimise our operational capacity across staffing and resources. **This also applies to the Pre-School provision.**

Lunch will be available but it will be a very limited choice. Students who are eligible to pay will continue to do so. **Those in receipt of Free School Meals and their child qualifies to attend will receive the meal in school and are not eligible for the food parcels being distributed.**

For students and staff who are still attending the current medical advice needs to be strictly adhered to for the safety of all, which is stated below.

NHS guidance states

Stay at home if you have either:

- ***a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)***
- ***a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)***

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do.

How long to stay at home

- ***if you have symptoms of coronavirus, you'll need to stay at home for 7 days***
- ***if you live with someone who has symptoms, you'll need to stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms***
- ***If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.***

If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

The education that will be provided for those in school will not resemble normal lessons, nor fully follow the National Curriculum. The majority of students will be instructed to access the online work that is available to all students to ensure that the education is comparable across the cohorts. Students will be sat at acceptable social distances as guidelines suggest to avoid spread of the virus. We will be using as few rooms as possible to ensure that cleaning is maintained to a high standard with reduced staffing capacity.

Crestwood Community School

Shakespeare Campus, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4FZ | Cherbourg Campus, Cherbourg Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5EL

Email: adminoffice@crestwood.hants.sch.uk Tel: 023 8064 1232 Web: www.crestwood.hants.sch.uk



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

All attendance procedures will apply and if your child is expected and does not attend contact will be made to ensure your child's safeguarding.

Behaviour systems will continue to be applied as normal.

Those that qualify

If both parents/carers are Key Workers then we will aim to support you with arrangements to accommodate your child. ***However, where there is one Key Worker in the household, there may be another that is not and is working from home. In these instances you may consider it appropriate that your children can stay at home supervised and safe from contracting the virus and follow Government advice that as many of us should stay at home and maintain social distancing.***

We are aware that some of you are Key Workers but that your establishment has closed and you are not required to attend work. ***In these instances we feel it is appropriate that your children can stay at home supervised and safe from contracting the virus and follow Government advice that as many of us should stay at home and maintain social distancing.***

Likewise, if your child has an EHCP and you are a parent who is at home ***in these instances you may consider it appropriate that your children can stay at home supervised and safe from contracting the virus and follow Government advice that as many of us should stay at home and maintain social distancing.***

If your child has an EHCP you may wish to consider part time arrangements, these can be discussed with the SEN team and your child's key worker. ***Any part time arrangements already existing, will continue during this period.***

Many students have discussed with me that if they have to come into school whilst their peers do not, they feel that they are being highlighted unfavourably and many would welcome the same opportunity as their peers. ***We urge parents of qualifying students to discuss this with their child, as we do not wish to cause any heightened anxiety for our families at this time.***

Crestwood Community School

Shakespeare Campus, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4FZ | Cherbourg Campus, Cherbourg Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5EL

Email: adminoffice@crestwood.hants.sch.uk Tel: 023 8064 1232 Web: www.crestwood.hants.sch.uk



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Collecting work, books and resources from school

Students in Years 7 to 10 will be able to collect books from their home campus at the following times on Monday 23rd March to support study at home:

- Y7: 11 - 11:45am
- Y8: 12 - 12:45pm
- Y9: 1 - 1:45pm
- Y10: 2 - 2:45pm

Books will be available from the student's tutor base/room.

Students can also collect things from their lockers but are kindly asked to leave the site promptly so that we can clear the area before other students arrive. .

Working from home

- [Details of the work students can do from home was sent to all parents on Thursday 19 March.](#)
- If your child has forgotten their logins please contact itsupport@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- Please be patient with staff as they endeavour to upload work to be accessible for students.
- If your child is ill they are not required to complete any work until they are well enough to do so.
- If your child is self-isolating then we would encourage them to self study at home via this method.
- If your child does not have access to the internet please contact justine.sayers@crestwood.hants.sch.uk so we can organise, in time, paper booklets. These will be available from reception on Friday 20.3.20 and at the allotted Year Group times on Monday 23.03.20.
- All staff will endeavour to make contact with their classes once a week, unless they are unwell and unable to do so.
- Regular support will be provided via the school email system as staff will be working remotely throughout the period of school closure.

Crestwood Community School

Shakespeare Campus, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4FZ | Cherbourg Campus, Cherbourg Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5EL

Email: adminoffice@crestwood.hants.sch.uk Tel: 023 8064 1232 Web: www.crestwood.hants.sch.uk



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Students in need of emotional support

- We will be setting up phone lines for students who require emotional support.
- These will be staffed by our highly skilled pastoral team
- They will operate from 9am - 2pm each day, Monday to Friday - starting on Monday 23rd March 2020
- Numbers are as follows
Zena Smith - 07385 252141
Denise Sharp - 07385 252049
Michaila Dieng - 07385 252050
Karla Walters - 07388 376789

We have also set up a site with useful links to external services and resources to support those in need of advice on a wide range of subjects - please follow the link below to find out more: https://padlet.com/tim_nash/o0qarrip7u3g

I was overwhelmed last night at your messages of support at a time of great uncertainty. We undoubtedly will receive more news each day, which we will share with parents. Staff are available for you to email and call as needed but they may be working remotely. We will not be conducting any face to face meetings with parents or accepting visitors on site during this time. We are very much in a controlled environment which feels very unreal and unsettling. Rest assured you have my continued support #Crestwoodfamily.

Krista Dawkins
Head Teacher

Crestwood Community School

Shakespeare Campus, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 4FZ | Cherbourg Campus, Cherbourg Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO50 5EL

Email: adminoffice@crestwood.hants.sch.uk Tel: **023 8064 1232** Web: www.crestwood.hants.sch.uk