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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Crestwood Community School School Coronavirus Update - Friday 17th April 2020**

Welcome back from the Easter break - virtually! I would like to thank you for your patience, support and understanding during such unusual times. Within this update I hope to remind you of some of the guidance we shared before the Easter holiday and any new information that we have received during the past 2 weeks. I do hope that you are all safe and well and have had a break from homeschooling, I'm sure some of you very much welcomed it!

You will be aware that there has been an extension to the country's lockdown for the next three weeks, this takes us until 8th May 2020. It seems reasonable to suggest that schools will not be opening soon, as even when lockdown is removed, it will be done gradually and social distancing will still be key to stopping the spread of the virus. Dominic Raab again reiterated yesterday that the government's guidance remains the same and it is vital that we follow the advice scrupulously:

- Stay at home wherever possible
- Only go out for essential reasons including food and medical needs
- Limit exercise to once per day, close to home
- Maintain social distancing

#### **School opening for children of critical workers**

I must remind you that the government has asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible and asked schools to remain open **only for those children who absolutely need to attend**. As we are a secondary school this applies to almost all of our students.

We have been asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children, including vulnerable children and those children whose parents are critical to the COVID19 response and who cannot be safely cared for at home. **From this you can clearly see that this is not a provision for the majority of our students.**

All the details can be found at the following links:

#### **Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

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## **Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

As you will see from this information, education staff are included in the list of critical workers. I have therefore asked my staff who have children, who cannot be safely cared for at home, to stay at home with their children.

On Monday 23rd March 2020, we moved to the Cherbourg Campus and provided supervision for a very small number of children of critical workers in the NHS and Uniformed Services, on a part week basis, due to need. The provision runs from 8.30am - 2pm. We have limited spaces and have to maintain skeletal staffing to observe social distancing. If you feel that your circumstances have changed and you are now working in the critical work sector please contact [steve.gibbs@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:steve.gibbs@crestwood.hants.sch.uk) to advise us of the support you require.

## **Year 11**

The Government has launched a consultation on how the exam grades will be issued. The advice to Year 11 is not to complete any coursework, as it will be a range of evidence that will be considered when awarding the grades. A letter was sent to Year 11 by the Government, giving guidance, which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020/letter-to-students-summer-2020-grading>

Ofqual have posted this helpful video for Year 11 students and parents:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=24&v=VXuDOrtJY1Q&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=24&v=VXuDOrtJY1Q&feature=emb_logo)

## **Year 8 options**

- We are reviewing, given the light of the school closure, as to whether we continue to conduct part options in Year 8.
- This is due to my concern that students will have only studied less than 5 terms of a 9 term key stage in some subjects, which is not a secure foundation of knowledge and understanding as stipulated in the National Curriculum.
- We will be seeking views, from a range of people, before we proceed any further.
- All previous timelines are to be discarded and we will notify parents of Year 8 once a decision has been made.
- Please note, a full options process will still take place for the current Year 8 at the end of Year 9.

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### Free School Meals (FSM) in the period of closure

- We have started distributing food boxes for those eligible families through Harvest Fine Foods.
- Boxes are delivered each fortnight and total £30 worth of food, £15 for each week per child. If you have more than one child then you will receive an additional box per child.
- The delivery days are staggered and we cannot guarantee the day the parcel will be delivered each fortnight. It will arrive at some point in the week. I apologise that we cannot be more precise.
- You are not entitled to receive vouchers in addition to the food boxes, the boxes fulfill your entitlement.
- We have chosen to adopt food boxes, rather than vouchers, to ensure that the food is delivered to your home and avoiding the need for you to leave the house to spend the vouchers.
- In order to receive these boxes you must have registered for the scheme to comply with GDPR regulations. If you have failed to register and believe you are eligible please contact [julia.hughes@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:julia.hughes@crestwood.hants.sch.uk).
- If your circumstances have changed and you feel you are now eligible for Free School Meals you can check here <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> or contact [alison.samways@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:alison.samways@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
- 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.
- I am exceptionally grateful to Harvest Fine Foods for their help in establishing this scheme. The feedback I have had from parents is very positive.

### Home schooling

- To better support students and parents, from Monday 20 April the school will be providing live online teaching in a more structured way.
- Full details of this provision were sent out on Friday 3 April and are also included as an appendix at the end of this letter.
- Please note online lessons can be accessed via mobile phones.
- Also, the plan is to record the sessions so they can be viewed by students later, if they miss the live version due to restrictions in IT equipment.
- **Please do not let your child use the phone number link to join the learning, as you will be charged for calling the USA! Please use the email link and be connected to the internet.**

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### Concerns about your child:

- Despite being open with a skeletal staff, we will not be conducting any face to face meetings with parents or accepting visitors on site during this time.
- You can email teaching and support staff, all emails are available on the school website. Staff will respond between 8.30am and 3pm, Monday to Friday. If you email outside of these times you may have to wait for a response until the next working day.
- If your child has SEND please email your child's key worker. If you are not aware of who the key worker is then please email [keren.groom@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:keren.groom@crestwood.hants.sch.uk) or [cassie.smith@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:cassie.smith@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
- For specific enquiries please email the following:
  - Free school meal food boxes - [julia.hughes@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:julia.hughes@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
  - Eligibility for free school meals [alison.samways@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:alison.samways@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
  - Home schooling - [steve.gibbs@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:steve.gibbs@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
  - Safeguarding - [tim.nash@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:tim.nash@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
  - Children in Care - [katie.sandiford@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:katie.sandiford@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
  - ICT issues - [itsupport@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:itsupport@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
- We are very much in a controlled environment and must avoid any risks to those staff on site. Please do not be offended if you arrive at school and are sent away.

### Students in need of emotional support

We have established phone lines for students who require emotional support. These will be staffed by our highly skilled pastoral team. They operate from 9am - 2pm each day, Monday to Friday.

Numbers and emails are as follows:

- Zena Smith - 07385 252141 / [zena.smith@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:zena.smith@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
- Denise Sharp - 07385 252049 / [denise.sharp@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:denise.sharp@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
- Michaila Dieng - 07385 252050 / [michaila.dieng@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:michaila.dieng@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
- Karla Walters - 07388 376789 / [karla.walters@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:karla.walters@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)
- Megan Parnell - [megan.parnell@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:megan.parnell@crestwood.hants.sch.uk)

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](https://padlet.com/tim_nash/o0qarrip7u3g)

### Parents requiring support

It is difficult for everyone during these times but we need you to know that you are never alone. If you as a parent need to speak to someone for support then please contact our Parent Adviser, Jane Cole on 07388997380 or at [jane.cole@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:jane.cole@crestwood.hants.sch.uk) between 8.30am - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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### **Social media - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram**

- I am very grateful to Mrs. Gray for maintaining our social media sites, they are fantastic and show what an epic #crestwoodfamily we have.
- The Social Media sites this half term are going to primarily be focussed on learning activities for our students and information sharing.
- Whilst we love seeing the awesome stuff our children get up to during lock down could I kindly ask that your videos and photographs are not sent to the Facebook Messenger app or emailed to Mrs. Gray? Please can you ensure that you send them to [peter.willmore@crestwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:peter.willmore@crestwood.hants.sch.uk) so that he can produce a compilation of these each Friday.

### **Finally, just a reminder of the NHS guidance:**

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.

I have been overwhelmed by so many messages of support at this time of great uncertainty. I totally understand and sympathise that homeschooling is difficult, it is not what you are trained to do. As a staff we are finding new ways of working, it is challenging, but we are doing our best, as you are too, so mistakes and frustration is inevitable. I cannot wait for when we welcome back your children back to school, I genuinely miss everyone so much. Rest assured you have my continued support and love, I am exceptionally proud of each and everyone of you and privileged to be headteacher of #Crestwoodfamily.

**Krista Dawkins**  
**Head Teacher**

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## REMOTE LEARNING FROM 20 APRIL 2020 GUIDE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

### Aims

- To give students and parents more structure to the home-learning school day
- To avoid overwhelming students and parents
- To engage more students
- To provide regular interactive contact between students and teaching staff
- To better support students and parents

### Summary

From Monday 20 April 2020, the school will be providing live online teaching (session 1) and tutorial sessions (session 2) in a more structured way. Initially English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Spanish and French will be involved. English, Maths and Science staff will deliver one taught session per week and one tutorial session per week. Geography, History, Spanish and French will deliver one session per week which will combine taught and tutorial elements. Wherever possible, the timings of these sessions match the slots on students' normal timetables. Teachers will invite students to the sessions via an email containing a link to Google Hangout Meets. **Please note, live sessions can be accessed by mobile phones.** Expectations of students, especially in terms of staying safe, are detailed below. Work for other subjects should continue, ideally according to students' normal timetable. If this programme proves successful, live sessions for other subjects will be introduced over time. Timetables for each year group and campus are at the end.

### Start times of sessions (approximately 30 minutes each)

09.00	<a href="#">PE with Joe Wicks</a>
09.45	Period 1
10.30	Period 2
11.30	Crestwood PE Session
12.15	Period 3
14.00	Period 4

### Expectations of students and staying safe

- Do not share private information.
- Do not respond to contact or meeting requests from people you do not know, only follow the link sent by your teacher.
- Be respectful in all your communications. Live streaming means any comments you make will be seen by others and you will not be able to delete or edit them.
- Ensure you know who to tell if you see or hear anything upsetting or inappropriate.
- Devices should be used in appropriate areas only, not in bedrooms for example.
- Students' cameras *must* be switched off, you should only see the teacher.
- Turn off your microphone when others are speaking, this will stop background noise.
- You can use the chat feature to ask questions of the teacher.
- Language must be appropriate, including from any family members in the background.
- Ensuring all live-streaming is conducted in group/class settings and never conducted one-to-one. This helps to safeguard both teachers and students.
- Please note, sessions will be recorded and saved to Google Classroom.
- Please do not email your teachers before 8.30am or after 4pm. You can always schedule your email to send to ensure it goes between the times stipulated.

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**Cherbourg Timetable (from 20**

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**April)**

<b>YEAR 7 CHERBOURG</b>					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	En 1		En 2	Sc 2	Hi
P2	Sp	Ma 1	Ge		
P3		Sc 1			
P4	Fr				Ma 2
<b>YEAR 8 CHERBOURG</b>					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Hi	En 1	Ma 2		Sc 2
P2					
P3	Ma 1				En 2
P4		Ge	Sp	Sc 1	
<b>YEAR 9 CHERBOURG</b>					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Ma 1		Ge		En 2
P2				Ma 2	
P3			Hi	Sp	
P4	En 1	Sc 1			Sc 2
<b>YEAR 10 CHERBOURG</b>					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1		Sc 2			Sp
P2	Sc 1	Ge	Hi		En 2
P3			En 1		
P4	Ma 1			Ma 2	
<b>YEAR 11 CHERBOURG</b>					
	<p>You have not been forgotten! Google classroom is still open to all Year 11s and teachers are available via email. We are aiming to provide further support and resources after Easter, when we have received information from colleges and other post-16 providers.</p>				

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Shakespeare Timetable (from 20

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April)

YEAR 7 SHAKESPEARE					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1		Ma 1			Hi
P2	Sp		Ge	En 2	
P3	En 1	Sc 1	Sc 2		
P4	Fr			Ma 2	
YEAR 8 SHAKESPEARE					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Hi				
P2			Sc 2		
P3	Sc 1	En 1		En 2	Ma 2
P4	Ma 1	Ge	Sp		
YEAR 9 SHAKESPEARE					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Sc 1		Ge	Ma 2	
P2	En 1			Sc 2	
P3		Ma 1	Hi	Sp	En 2
P4					
YEAR 10 SHAKESPEARE					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1		Sc 1			Sp
P2		Ge	Hi		
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