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Crestwood Community School School Coronavirus Update - Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, wow, wow! We have just finished our first full week of virtual school, with actual live remote learning! All I can say is "epic effort #crestwoodfamily". I know that more children are accessing the live lessons than any other platform we have used to support learning, which is such amazing news and how we are all making such an immense effort for this to be successful.

I cannot explain how very emotional my Senior Team and I get when we "visit lessons" and can see the staff teaching, the children's names on the class register and us being able to witness how staff and students are talking to each other about the learning. Everytime I 'enter the classroom' I always say hello and my heart fills to bursting at how many children respond to this, I genuinely miss them. I have participated in some lessons, especially Maths, where the children and staff praise my attempts. I have also supported discipline from my computer, afar, and I think some children were pleased it was this way and not in person!

I am so proud of everyone that has been involved with the lessons this week, it has been the biggest learning curve for all, even I have learnt processes I never knew before. The majority of feedback from staff, parents and students has been overwhelmingly positive. We love the photos that you are sending of your working at home arrangements, please keep sending them to peter.willmore@crestwood.hants.sch.uk

As I have said, I have been really impressed by the student and staff enthusiasm and dedication to online live learning. I am also aware that it has caused frustrations, anxiety and upset in some households. Please remember this is not a perfect situation, is developing all the time and I would just like to offer the following advice:

- Some children will be as reluctant to engage at home as they are in school, some will also use excuses as to why they can't access learning on their devices.....welcome to our world! However, we would gladly have the children back tomorrow, well perhaps Monday, promise! If you fall in this category please contact us for support and help. We can still use the telephones to talk to you and your child, you are not on your own.
- Some students will "misbehave" in the virtual classroom and we will be applying our normal behaviour policy. You may receive a phone call to tell you that your child may not have not been as focussed as they could be and we would like you to help us.
- Some students are supporting their younger brothers and sisters whilst parents work from home, or are dealing with personal trauma or illness. These students can access the learning through the Google Classroom when they are able to do so as all lessons are recorded.
- The absolute vast majority of students are superstars and engage fully, are motivated and are actively contributing to the learning. These students will be rewarded, as if we were in school, through Class Charts and those that excel will be getting prizes through the post as a way to say celebrate the progress they are making.

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As I have already stated last week, 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 being observed. Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, on Sunday, stated that schools will only reopen when 5 criteria are met. These are:

1. Being sure that the NHS can continue to provide critical care and specialist treatment right across the whole of the United Kingdom.
2. The daily death rates from coronavirus are coming down consistently.
3. There is reliable data that shows the rate of infection is decreasing to manageable levels.
4. Being confident that testing capacity and PPE is being managed, with supply able to meet, not just today's demand, but future demand.
5. Crucially, being confident that any changes that are made will not risk a second peak of infections.

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

Home schooling

- Full details of the students' timetable will be published each week to both parents and students. More lessons will be added over time as our live learning becomes more natural.
- Where students do not have lessons timetabled they are expected to complete work independently in preparation for the live lessons and for other subjects.
- We know there have been some technical issues and teething problems, please be patient.
- If you have any IT issues please email itsupport@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- If you have any questions regarding the learning please email steve.gibbs@crestwood.hants.sch.uk if your child is at the Shakespeare campus and tim.nash@crestwood.hants.sch.uk is at the Cherbourg Campus.
- Please note online lessons can be accessed via mobile phones.
- The sessions are recorded so they can be viewed by students later, if they miss the live version due to restrictions in IT equipment.
- **Please use the email link or link in google classrooms and be connected to the internet, it will use a lot of mobile data.**
- We appreciate that some of your children may need additional stationery to support their work at home. If they do, can you email resourcehub@crestwood.hants.sch.uk letting us know what you need. We cannot have children just turning up as it needs to be a managed process to ensure social distancing and so we will aim to open on Wednesday mornings from the Cherbourg campus and you will be given an appointment time to come and collect stationary.
- Updates to the work packs issued before Easter can be made available if required. These can be requested by emailing resourcehub@crestwood.hants.sch.uk. If you can identify the subject/s needed that would be appreciated. Please note that these may

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take a little longer to compile. An appointment will also be arranged so that you can collect these once they are ready.

Government announcement regarding ICT hardware and internet connections

- As yet we have received no details as to who is eligible for this scheme.
- As yet we have received no details as to how we can order this equipment.
- As soon as we will know we will contact those eligible families. Whilst I know some parents are keen to know whether their child is going to receive this, I simply do not know, therefore I kindly request you await our communication,

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 or cassie.smith@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- For specific enquiries please email the following:
 - Free school meal food boxes - julia.hughes@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
 - Eligibility for free school meals alison.samways@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
 - Home schooling - steve.gibbs@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
 - Safeguarding - tim.nash@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
 - Children in Care - katie.sandiford@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
 - ICT issues - 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
- Denise Sharp - 07385 252049 / denise.sharp@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- Michaila Dieng - 07385 252050 / michaila.dieng@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- Karla Walters - 07388 376789 / karla.walters@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- Megan Parnell - megan.parnell@crestwood.hants.sch.uk
- Educational Psychologist Telephone Support Line - 01962 876 239 - for parents/carers to access for any queries relating to the emotional wellbeing of their child/children in their care

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/o0qarrip7u3q

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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 between 8.30am - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

Year 8 options

- As you know from last week's message, we are reviewing whether we continue to conduct part options in Year 8.
- My concern is 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. Governors agreed with this when we met "virtually" last week.
- We will be seeking views, from a wide range of people, and national education forums, 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.

Free School Meals (FSM) in the period of closure

- Please remember 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, we know that some of you rely on this parcel.
- The boxes are preloaded and you cannot request alternative food. The company will do their best to change things each time but it is not guaranteed. We are trying our best to bring the food to you. Try and search for recipes you can make with the ingredients offered, you may find you can make something new to your family.
- We have created accounts in your name with Harvest Fine Foods to allow for home delivery but the billing is linked to Crestwood Community School. **Any additional food you would like from Harvest must be ordered separately and you must pay for these yourself.** Anyone trying to order from their Crestwood generated account will be contacted for additional payments by Harvest.
- You are not entitled to receive vouchers in addition to the food boxes, the boxes fulfill your entitlement. Please be aware if we had relied on the national scheme, you would have only just received your first entitlement, we were ahead of the game!
- 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.
- If you have not had any contact from us it could be because you are not eligible or your email address on our system is wrong. If you have changed your email please let Julia Hughes know.
- 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

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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 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>

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, working remotely.

We operate from the Cherbourg Campus and provide supervision for a very small number of children of critical workers in the NHS and Uniformed Services and vulnerable children, 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 to advise us of the support you require. If your child has an EHCP and you need support contact the address given for Mr. Gibbs but copy in keren.groom@crestwood.hants.sch.uk

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 so that he can produce a compilation of these each Friday.

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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 totally understand and sympathise that homeschooling is difficult, it is not what you are trained to do. As a staff we are doing what we can to make it easier and accessible, it is challenging. Mistakes and frustration are inevitable, comments via email or chat in lessons can be misinterpreted but I can assure you nothing is personal. 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.

Yours sincerely

Krista Dawkins
Head Teacher

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LEARNING FROM 27 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 has been 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	PE with Joe Wicks
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 27th April 2020



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YEAR 7 CHERBOURG					
	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
YEAR 8 CHERBOURG					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Hi	En 1	Ma 2		Sc 2
P2					
P3	Ma 1				En 2
P4		Ge	Sp	Sc 1	
YEAR 9 CHERBOURG					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Ma 1		Ge		En 2
P2				Ma 2	
P3			Hi	Sp	
P4	En 1	Sc 1			Sc 2
YEAR 10 CHERBOURG					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1		Sc 2			Sp
P2	Sc 1	Ge	Hi		En 2
P3			En 1		
P4	Ma 1			Ma 2	
YEAR 11 CHERBOURG					
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Shakespeare Timetable from 27th April 2020

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		
P3					
P4	En 1	Ma 1	Sc 2	En 2	Ma 2
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