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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Crestwood Community School
School Coronavirus Update - Friday 1st May 2020**

I am sure you know that we have been closed for almost six weeks as a result of Covid-19. 'Virtual Crestwood' goes from strength to strength. I am still amazed and excited by the high quality delivery of the lessons and the real learning that takes place in the 30-40 minute sessions. This week many teachers are "staying behind" with students who are finding concepts difficult, clarifying learning and supporting to build confidence. Students are also conducting work in between lessons, practising the skills they have been taught. Some schools have chosen not to conduct live learning for whatever reasons but I sincerely believe that it is our moral and professional duty to do this. Your child's education is important and you as parents need support too, the lessons are giving structure to days and much needed social interaction for mental wellbeing. We are continually reviewing what we are doing and welcome the feedback we get as it really helps us improve. Students too have been asked for their views and they are really positive, however, I know that some are struggling, so please do get in touch and let us know so we can help.

Next week, with live lessons, you will see an expansion of subjects and changes to some of the existing lessons. Please check the timetables at the end of this letter.

We were absolutely delighted to welcome, complying with social distancing, our local MP Paul Holmes and his Senior Caseworker Susan Hall to Crestwood this afternoon. Paul requested the visit after seeing our social media posts about the amazing things we are doing as #Crestwoodfamily.

Paul was really impressed by the quality and quantity of food in our free school meals parcels that are distributed. He discussed this with the Managing Director of Harvest Fine Foods, Dr. Richard Strongman, who also joined us. We shared with Paul some live lessons and discovered he is particularly passionate about History.

Regardless of your political view, Paul was really supportive of our community and we were bowled over by his genuine interest and warmth to all at Crestwood, he also totally loved Woody! We have invited Paul back when we return to school, which he accepted on the spot. It was so lovely to meet Paul and feel he will be a brilliant support to Crestwood in the future.

Gavin Williamson, education secretary has stated this week that schools will reopen in phases, with headteachers given as much notice as possible. He would not give a date for reopening, but has ruled out schools opening during the summer holidays, which may be a relief for the staff and students, but perhaps not you as parents, sorry!

Gavin Williamson said "We recognise that the idea of schools all returning on day one with the full complement of pupils is not realistic or practical. I do expect schools to be opened in a phased manner. I also intend to be giving schools as much notice as possible."

There have been thoughts about when schools will reopen and whether older year groups, including pupils in their final year of primary school and those in the middle of GCSE (Y10) and A-level courses (Y12) could be among the first to be brought back as they might benefit most. The education secretary said the government was looking at best practice in other countries where schools are already beginning to reopen. He said a sub-group from the

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scientific advisory group for emergencies (Sage) advising the government on its response to the pandemic had been set up to focus solely on issues surrounding school reopening. Gavin Williamson has previously stated that schools will only reopen when 5 criteria are met. "It is incredibly important that we get the right balance in terms of actually making sure that we create an environment that is good to learn in but also that is a safe environment for people to both work in and learn in as well."

The 5 criteria are:

1. Being confident that we can protect the NHS' ability to cope and that they are able to provide sufficient critical care and specialist treatment right across the UK
2. The daily death rates from coronavirus are coming down consistently and moved beyond the peak.
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

This will be reviewed on 7th May 2020. My next letter to you will, hopefully, have some different news for you all.

Home schooling

- Full details of the students timetable can be found at the end of this letter for the week beginning 4th May.
- **It is VE day on Friday 8th May and has been marked by being a bank holiday. So there will be no school lessons being delivered that day.**
- 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.**

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- 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 need to ensure social distancing and so we will prepare all orders on a Tuesday for collection on Wednesdays from the Cherbourg campus. **Please do not just turn up, you will be given an appointment time to come and collect stationery.**
- Updates to the work packs issued can be made available if required. These can also 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 take a little longer to compile. An appointment will also be arranged so that you can collect these once they are ready.

ICT Hardware and Internet Access for students

The DfE has allocated a specific number of laptops to Hampshire Local Authority for each of the two priority areas. There are two categories of student this is eligible for:

Priority 1, for children and young people with a social worker, all year groups meet the eligibility criteria

Priority 2, for young people in Year 10, those currently eligible for free school meals, those eligible for free school meals within the last six years and those in local authority care.

For both priorities above the laptops will become the property of the school and are loaned for the duration of the student's attendance at that school. The expectation is that the student will return the equipment on leaving the school, so that it can be re-allocated to another eligible student.

We are currently collating the data required and will update parents of those eligible students when we know more. Even when the devices arrive, the school will need to register and configure each one and this will not be quick. Please do not expect anything, if eligible until at least June 2020.

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.

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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

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 11 GCSE grading

Please may I remind students and parents that we are not permitted to engage in any discussion regarding the grades we will be sending to Ofqual. Please see the letter for students produced by Ofqual [here](#) and the latest guidance from the DfE [here](#).

Year 8 options

- We are in the final stages of planning as to what this will be for the current Year 8.
- At this moment in time it is our intention to continue with all subjects into Year 9, however some arts subjects can be chosen for more study than others.

Free School Meals (FSM) in the period of closure

- 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 Thank you to the parents that have done so, it is important you get your entitlement.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.

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, 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

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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 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.

Finally, just a reminder of the NHS guidance:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started. (The [ending isolation](#) section below has more information)
- after 7 days, if you do not have a high temperature, you do not need to continue to self-isolate. If you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal. You do not need to self-isolate if you just have a cough after 7 days, as a cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone
- if you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), then you must stay at home for 7 days, but all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. See the [explanatory diagram](#)
- for anyone else in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period. The [ending isolation](#) section below has more information, and see the [explanatory diagram](#)
- staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- if you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period
- if you cannot move vulnerable people out of your home, stay away from them as much as possible
- reduce the spread of infection in your home: wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser; cover coughs and sneezes
- if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms:
 - do **not** go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
 - you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home
 - testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) is not needed if you're staying at home
- if you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the [NHS 111 online](#) coronavirus (COVID-19) service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

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- if you develop new coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms at any point after ending your first period of isolation (self or household) then you need to follow the same guidance on self-isolation again

Every week I am in awe of everyone participating in 'virtual Crestwood'. We have seen some real stars emerge from the students, who are excelling where they may not have done so in the classroom. Keep doing what you are doing, it is totally amazing and it will make the return to school so much smoother. You are very much missed and forever in all our hearts, please do not forget that. We are great because we are #Crestwoodfamily'

Krista Dawkins
Head Teacher

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REMOTE LEARNING FROM 4 MAY 2020 GUIDE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Please note - Friday 8 May is a Bank Holiday and there will be no live lessons

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 4 May 2020)

- Live online teaching will continue for English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Spanish and French.
- Live lessons will be added for students taking PE qualifications (BTEC and GCSE).
- English, Maths, Science will continue to deliver one taught lesson per week (session 1) and one tutorial style lesson per week (session 2).
- Geography (Y7 & Y8), History (Y7 & Y8) and Spanish (Y8) will now teach one lesson each week per campus.
- French and Spanish for Y7 will continue to deliver one lesson per week for the whole year.
- Wherever possible, session timings match the slots on students' normal timetables.
- Students should log into Google Classroom and locate their classes.
- Links to live lessons can be found in Google Classroom. Teachers will also email links.
- Please note, live sessions can be accessed by mobile phones.
- Work for other subjects should continue, ideally according to students' normal timetable.
- Expectations of students, especially in terms of staying safe, are detailed below.
- Updated timetables for each year group and campus are at the end.

Start times of sessions (approximately 30 minutes each)

09.45	Period 1
10.45	Period 2 (please note change of time)
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.

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- 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 4 May)

YEAR 7 CHERBOURG					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	En 1		En 2	Sc 2	Hi
P2	Sp	Ma 1			
P3		Sc 1	Ge	PE	
P4	Fr				Ma 2
YEAR 8 CHERBOURG					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Hi	En 1	Ma 2		Sc 2
P2		PE			
P3	Ma 1	Ge			En 2
P4			Sp	Sc 1	
YEAR 9 CHERBOURG					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Ma 1		Ge		En 2
P2			PE (GCSE & BTEC only)	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		PE (GCSE & BTEC only)
P4	Ma 1			Ma 2	
YEAR 11 CHERBOURG					
	You have not been forgotten! Google classroom is still open to all Year 11s and teachers are available via email. You have a dedicated Google Classroom called Year 11 Transition to Post 16. The class code is zpyrouc				

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Shakespeare Timetable (from 4 May)

YEAR 7 SHAKESPEARE					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1		Ma 1			
P2	Sp		Ge	En 2	Hi
P3	En 1	Sc 1	Sc 2	PE	
P4	Fr			Ma 2	
YEAR 8 SHAKESPEARE					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1					
P2	Hi	PE	Sc 2		
P3	Sc 1	En 1	Sp	En 2	Ma 2
P4	Ma 1	Ge			
YEAR 9 SHAKESPEARE					
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
P1	Sc 1		Ge	Ma 2	
P2	En 1		PE (GCSE & BTEC only)	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					PE (GCSE & BTEC only)
P4	En 1	Ma 1	Sc 2	En 2	Ma 2
YEAR 11 SHAKESPEARE					
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