

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. We are in unusual times and sometimes it's difficult to remember which day of the week it is, let alone to forget that today is the first day of the Easter holidays.

I would just like to remind you that because it is the Easter break from today (6/4/20), staff will not be setting work over the holiday period. Staff will recommence setting work for their classes from 20/4/20.

School remains open over the entire Easter holiday for our emergency care for 'key workers' only and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and commitment both over the last few challenging weeks and over the upcoming Easter break. We have sent out vouchers to those in receipt of free school meals and these should remain in place until the end of the school closure, whenever that may be. Similarly, if you need to talk to someone over the Easter break or have any concerns or worries, again please don't hesitate to contact the school. We remain here for you and your family but it may take us a little longer than usual to respond. There is a list of other useful contacts on our website.

I'll send out more details on the recent announcement on GCSEs, A Levels and EPQ later today. It is primarily for Years 11 and 13, but I'll send it to all for information.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents / carers, students, staff and governors for your support over recent weeks. These are clearly testing times for us all but if we continue to follow government guidelines and support each other as best we can, we will get through this together. Even though school is closed and the curriculum is suspended, we continue to support learning as best we can. It is only just over two weeks ago that teaching happened face to face in classrooms and due to the measures in place to stop the spread of the virus, not all of my staff are available at all times, through illness, shielding and self-isolation, so please continue to be understanding.

I would like to wish everyone a pleasant Easter break and hope that you and your family get some well-deserved rest.

Kind regards,

David Cole
Headteacher