



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to you further to the announcement from the Prime Minister on Wednesday 18th March 2020 regarding school closures for Friday 20th March 2020. The Whitstable School will now enact our remote learning plan, please find attached a guide to managing your child's learning at home. Paper workbooks have been sent home for those pupils who have informed us they do not have internet access.

These are the points of contact should you have any queries:

- Your child's class teacher will be the first point of contact for any teaching and learning queries, they can be contacted via Edulink: click on the mailbox icon top right of the screen which will take you to the communicator screen. From here click on the new message icon top right, you can then select from teachers, form tutors, head or year or head of house. Select the teacher you wish to contact, click next and you can then create an email.
- If you need sign in support for Google Classroom, Tassomai, Mathswatch or GCSE Pod: tw_s_googlehelp@swale.at
- If you have a concern about your child's safety or welfare please contact our safeguarding team: tw_s_safeguarding@swale.at

We will keep in contact via email of any further developments and will regularly update the website www.thewhitstableschool.org.uk

If your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a voucher for a supermarket per child, per week. These are in the process of being ordered and sent next week. In the meantime there are local charities that can help such as Red Zebra www.redzebra.org.uk

If the Government has identified you as a key worker we have written to you separately.

We will continue to keep you updated and informed throughout this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs AM Gibson
Headteacher

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Working at home with your child

During the school closure period, please encourage your child to complete some school work on normal working days. Work will be posted on Google Classroom regularly and pupils will have access to a wide range of resources.

Where pupils or parents have told us they do not have internet access, we have provided some paper resources as an alternative.

Please encourage pupils to develop positive routines. We recommend spending some time each day on English, maths and science as well as making time for history, geography, foreign languages and other subjects. Obviously all families are different, but the following table is a possible structure for the day you might find helpful to share with your child:

Time	Activity
08:30 - 09:00	Independent reading recorded in a reading journal
09:00 - 09:30	Maths work from Google Classroom
09:30 – 10:00	Break
10:00 - 10:30	English work from Google Classroom
10:30 – 11:00	Science work from Google Classroom
11:00 - 11:30	Mentor activities (Votes for Schools and My School Life)
11:30 – 13:00.	Time for personal interests and lunch
13:00 – 13:15	French / Spanish practise including Duolingo or Memrise
13:15 – 13:45	Geography or History work from Google Classroom or Seneca Learning
13:45 - 14:15	Work on another Google Classroom subject
14:15 - 14:30	Break
14:30 - end of work day.	Personal art, creative writing, coding, photography, textiles or other creative subject.

We strongly recommend that pupils spend some time every day reading. Here are two reading lists you might find helpful:

[Reading list for Year 7 / 8 / 9](#)

[Reading list for Year 10 / 11 / Sixth Form](#)

Pupils should try to solve any issues they have themselves in the first instance. If they need to ask their teacher for help with work, they can use the class stream or 'People' tab to ask a question; teachers or their subject leader will respond if and when they can (depending on their personal circumstances).

If you have any problems with your child accessing their Google Classroom, contact the school using this email: twsgooglehelp@swale.at