

Home Learning

Don't forget that we have a dedicated page on the website to keep all messages and documents about Home Learning in one place. I want to remind you that all teacher email addresses are in the "Home Educating Your Child" document – they are the first port of call if you have any questions about a piece of work.

As well as lots of praise for the activities that have been set, we have received a few constructive comments that staff will be considering on our return. In particular I have asked them to:

- Try to "chunk" the work into roughly hour-long segments – either by setting separately on Class Charts or giving an indication about what they would be expected to do for each lesson, if a longer task is set.
- Try to set all work to appear on Mondays to allow students to plan their week ahead.
- Make it clear whether students need to submit work, or there will be other ways of judging success e.g. giving out mark schemes or exemplars to compare against.

We have been asked by a couple of parents if there is any intention to offer virtual lessons in the future. We will look at this but please understand that there are technical, logistical and fairness issues:

- Teachers are working from home and do not all have access to the right technology or have the correct expertise.
- Not all students would be able to access lessons for similar reasons.

That is not to say that it won't be considered, especially if the school's closure is for a very long time, but I just wanted to manage expectations for the short term at least. I have looked at what lots of other schools are doing and, apart from a few ad hoc arrangements, this is not yet a widespread response.

It is also worth noting that the BBC are going to unveil a massive range of resources (daily lessons, videos, quizzes, podcasts and articles) after Easter that could form part of a coordinated, national curriculum.

Finally, I would repeat the fact that you are doing a great job with this. Some of you have reported that you are not coping as well with directing the home learning of your child as you would have hoped. Please don't worry – anything is better than nothing and nobody is expecting you to replicate the job of a teacher or create a completely normal school routine!

Contact over Easter

Unless there is anything urgent, I will not be sending any further updates during the next two weeks. However, please do keep looking at our website. For the very latest news, you can also follow the school on Twitter: @warnefordschool or even me: @warnefordhead

If your child is doing any school work over the break then I am sure teachers will not mind occasional contact but please do not expect as quick a response as usual, as they also need time off.

If you have any problems or questions over Easter that really cannot wait then please do feel free to contact me. Any safeguarding concerns would definitely fall into that category.

I hope you and your family continue to be safe and well.

Best wishes



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