

30th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term and our Easter break, I want to wish our pupils and their families well. During this unprecedented and unusual time, I remain impressed with how our community is remaining strong. Our staff continue to work hard, some of them working from home while looking after their own families and others here in school looking after the pupils of key workers. Our pupils are producing excellent work in lots of innovative ways, along with impressive amounts of completed online work. I admire our community's strength and perseverance during this difficult time.

I recognise that it may be difficult for our pupils to keep motivated at the present time, but I would encourage them to get into a routine, use the time to learn a new skill, read as much as possible, take part in daily exercise, and catch up with their family and friends online. I also encourage pupils who are struggling with their online work to ask for help from their teachers to ensure they do not fall behind. That being said, a reminder about the importance of e-safety was sent out from tutors this morning. I ask that you check that your child has received this reminder and understands the importance of keeping themselves safe online.

Year 11 and 13 pupils will be receiving their reports this week to go along with the PPE (mock exam) grades that were sent out last week. We are awaiting more information from the exam boards to establish how the grades awarded to pupils will be calculated. The best advice I can give to all Year 11 and 13 pupils would be to continue focusing on your work. It is important that you obtain and grow what knowledge you already have, and remember to complete the work set everyday on Class Charts. This will prepare you for your future studies and help you if you decide to sit your exams at a later date, either at the first opportunity in the next academic year or in the summer 2021 exam season. I know these are unsettling times, but remain positive and continue to learn.

As you all know, we would have held our Easter church services this week. Instead, as our staff get used to communicating and holding meetings using online platforms, we will hold services on Thursday afternoon on Microsoft Teams. We hope to see everyone log on for this as it is a chance to join together as a Year group, and school community. This will be done in Year groups:

- Y7 at 1.00pm
- Y8 at 1.30pm
- Y9 at 2.00pm
- Y10 at 2.30pm
- Y11 at 3.00pm
- 6th form at 3.20pm

We have arranged for meal vouchers to be provided for those who would usually have a free school meal – hopefully this will arrive safely to you via email in the very near future. If not, please contact Mr. Lingard (t.lingard@kingswolverhampton.co.uk) to discuss this further.

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This has been an excellent term with so many good news stories and achievements to share. However, all seem a lot less significant in the light of the challenges we are all facing right now. As we will be breaking up for the Easter Holidays at the end of this week, I have an update on the opening of the school for children of key workers:

From Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April, the school will be on holiday; teachers will not be setting work or expecting pupils to log on to class charts every day. However, the school will remain open for the children of parents who are key workers who have no other child care in place. The school will be open between the normal times of 8.55am to 3.30pm each day apart from Good Friday, (Friday 10th April) and Bank Holiday Monday (Monday 13th April). Volunteers from the staff will be in school to supervise and run different activities for the children. It will not be possible to provide any food during the holidays; your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them if they are coming into school.

If you are a key worker and need your children to be supervised in school over the holidays, please let us know via filling out this [form](#) or by phoning the school reception. Please only book places on the days when you are working or have no other child care provision. To help us with the planning, please can you either complete the form or phone the school by the end of Wednesday 1st April.

The Summer Term will start on Monday 23rd April, however it is not envisaged that school will re-open at this time, on-line learning will re-commence on this date.

To conclude, I wish you a very Happy Easter. Although we are in a strangely uncertain time, I do hope you are able to remain positive and hopeful. It will be a very different Easter, and our school is very strange without the usual buzz and busy-ness with all of the activities that usually take place. I recognise that our school community is worried about the health of their family and friends at this time, and my thoughts, prayers are best wishes go out to you all.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is any way in which we can support you.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr J. Ludlow
Principal

