



School Closure Edition 4

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Message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this Parent Bulletin finds you as well as possible. For the majority of us, this has been a major inconvenience, sadly for some of our community, including colleagues here at SRWA, relatives have passed away before their time. It can only be described as brutal and we're clearly not out of the woods yet.

The school has remained open over the Easter holidays, with a small group of frontline children who really needed us and as you would expect, they have created their own little community and they are all getting on really well, including social distancing at school, which they do now without thinking about it. It will be a shock for them, when the other thousand children return.

Like other schools in the area, we have liaised with the NHS, to ensure our science goggles and anything useful has made its way to local hospitals. The small team, here at school, feel very privileged to be here. We're grateful to them for making this commitment, so we don't need to bring large numbers of people in and out of the building on rotation. They in turn, are grateful to their colleagues for staying at home and supporting the herculean task that is moving next half term's lessons online.

At this stage, we can guarantee that we won't be reopening for the next three weeks, after that who knows? We're certainly preparing for the whole half term to be online. I'll remind you that the coming week will be week two in our cycle i.e. periods 2,4 & 6.

We have ironed out some of the cracks from last half term and we're gearing up to make a really good go of it. We had great support from parents in the weeks running up to Easter and I hope we can continue to support each other over the weeks ahead. Hopefully, the break from school has given us a chance to relax, but I think we all agree that from Monday, it's back to school and during the school week we need to keep purposeful, healthy routines going.

For parents of year 11 and 13, below is the latest from Ofqual which gives some guidance as to what will happen in terms of your important qualifications. It is worth taking the time to read this in detail. We will be dealing with any questions you might have next week.

[Exams Guidance](#)

For year 11, in particular, we are having a Careers, Culture and Choices week for the week beginning 20th April, more details are below. There will be cultural activities and a chance to carry out some useful career's research. We will be setting up the year 11 bridging curriculum which will require opting for subjects, a lot more on that from us on Monday.

As ever we are 100% committed to the children in our care and despite the inevitable challenges that lie ahead, we're determined to ensure the students at SRWA continue to learn and grow over the coming weeks and we know our community will come together to make this half term a successful one.

Best wishes

Kieran

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Year 11 Careers, Culture and Choices Week

In Google Classroom, students will find a new course called Class 2019-Year 11. Every day resources and messages will arrive in that course, including the activities for the Careers, Culture and Choices Week.

This week beginning 20th April, there will be no normal lessons for Year 11. Instead there will be activities and resources to help students explore careers, further study and post-16 choices, as well as activities to develop their cultural capital and awareness.

All students in year 11 have been enrolled on to a new Google Classroom course called **Class 2019 - Year 11**. New resources will be there every day, so keep an eye out for them. To also keep things simple, key messages for year 11s will be via this course so that it is easy for students to find.

We expect students to engage with these each day as best they can. See this as important enrichment that will prepare you for the years ahead

We will also publish details of how to sign up for our Sixth Form Bridging Courses which will commence from 27th April. More details about this will come out for parents and students in year 11 on Monday.

Be sure to keep an eye on Google Classroom for what is coming up.

Year 13 Lessons

Mrs Everett and the sixth form team will be in touch with all year 13 students and their parents. As the government guidance indicates, schools are unable to ask students to complete any additional work to support their final grades.

Therefore, it is with sadness that we advise that year 13 lessons will also end. Teachers of year 13s will likely need to keep in touch with students to discuss any final details, or tie up any loose ends that might be needed to finalise your grades.

We don't want this to be goodbye, so as usual we will arrange a graduation meal to celebrate the end of secondary education once we have further details on when this will be possible.

Week 2 Lessons

As we continue with our online learning, this is Week 2. This means students will only attend their online lessons as follows:

Period 2 - 9.55am - 10.45am
Period 4 - 11.55am - 12.45pm
Period 6 - 2.10pm - 3.00pm

Students should do their best to be online engaging with their learning at this time. In many instances, teachers are running "Live Lessons" with live video tutorials to support students with the work they must complete.

Chapter and year groups will also be running events, so students should keep an eye on Google Classroom for special events occurring outside of these lesson times.

Digital Learning

To make it easy to access, Google Classroom, Google Meets and Gmail all use **your child's school email address** and school **password**.

They are in the following format:

Username: firstname.lastname@srwa.co.uk

Password: Their password is the same one they use to login to the school computers.

Google Meets: Download the App

Installing Google Meet for iOS and Android will make joining the Meets easiest. And it works on most phones and tablet devices, right back to iPhone 5, as well as laptops and desktop computers.

[Google Meet for iOS](#)

[Google Meet for Android](#)

To make these sessions manageable, we ask that students **switch off their cameras and microphones**, and only unmute their microphone if their teacher asks them to. Most communication will be via the Chat function.

Teachers will be available online during lesson times to answer questions and interact with the students. Students can send messages via the assignments page in [Google Classroom](#).

Normal expectations of class conduct apply.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral and SEND teams and our tutors are committed to staying in contact with students during our closure. As well as regular check-in calls with those who might particularly need support, we've set up virtual classrooms for tutor groups, year groups and Chapters, which will be rolled out further over the coming week. Please encourage your children to interact with these forums - it's a great way for your children to stay in touch with their fellow students, their tutors and our support teams.

Please also make use of the mindfulness and mental wellbeing links and resources we shared in our last bulletin and if you have any concerns at all, please get in touch with a member of your child's Chapter team or our SEND team.

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