

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware from the media the Government has announced the closure of schools as of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. As such students are required to remain at home during the period of school closures, however we will continue to provide work for all lessons via our 'Microsoft Teams' App. Students are required to access this on a daily basis and complete the tasks they have been set. As previously requested, please call the school if you do not have access to the internet at home or email in if you require log-in instructions for Microsoft Teams.

We appreciate that students and families will manage this period of necessary disruption in varying ways but have put together a possible schedule for students to follow on school days. We appreciate that if young people are required to self-isolate there will be additional factors to consider in planning time but hope the example below will be a useful starting point:

<b>Before 9:00am</b>	<b>Get up, eat breakfast and get dressed</b>
<b>9:00-9:50am</b>	Go to Microsoft Teams and read through the tasks you have been set for the day. Complete one lesson's work
<b>9:50-10:10am</b>	Go for a walk or read some news
<b>10:10-11:00am</b>	Complete your second lesson of the day
<b>11:00-11:20am</b>	Listen to music, read a book or have some device time (communicating with friends) Get a snack and a drink
<b>11:20am-12:10pm</b>	Complete your third lesson of the day
<b>12:10-12:20pm</b>	Get a snack and a drink
<b>12:20-1:10pm</b>	Complete your fourth lesson of the day
<b>1:10-1:40pm</b>	Have some lunch, go for a walk or step outside for some fresh air
<b>1:40-2:30pm</b>	Complete your final lesson of the day
<b>After 2:30pm</b>	Consider: Having some time without any technology Helping out around the house Get in contact with friends Submit any completed work that your teacher has requested

Students can ask questions, as needed, via the 'post' facility on 'Teams' and staff will respond within 48 hours, within the school week. This facility will be monitored and students who abuse this will be removed from the group.

- If you are unsure about navigating around assignments more information can be found through this [link](#)
- If you are unsure about turning in assignments more information can be found through this [link](#)

We would really like to see some of the work your child/ren produce at home, please send photos of their home education achievements to [enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk) so that we can share on the school's social media. We are sure that you will have some top tips to share with other parents/carers at this time along with examples of completed work.

If you have a query as a parent please contact the school via the normal means. We will keep our social media pages updated with any changes to arrangements as they develop.

It is important to keep a balance of work and rest but be mindful of the pressures of social media.

We would recommend that you monitor time spent on any platform and be prepared to discuss any issues in the media to help your child/ren have a realistic understanding of what is happening. Useful web sites are:

[mind.org.uk](http://mind.org.uk)

[mentalhealth.org.uk](http://mentalhealth.org.uk)

Advice on social media safety can be found through the help section in the app or general advice from:

[nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[saferinternet.org.uk](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[nationalonlinesafety.com](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

Free School Meals:

If you qualify for FSM these will be made available to you in the form of vouchers. These will be posted to you for the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be available every Monday. The vouchers from Tesco's are worth £11.50 per student.

On-line tutoring:

We have been advised that there are a number of new and established sites offering services for on-line tuition. As a school we are unable to recommend these services as we cannot vouch for the personnel or their qualifications. Please be aware that the organisation may not use qualified teachers or have run the necessary safeguarding checks on these tutors.

Medicines:

For those students we have not been able to return spare medicines to please consider that when we do return anything left in school may be out of date.

Y8 and 9 Option forms:

Many of these have already come into school; please can you try and return these electronically by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for Year 8 and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March for Year 9.

If you do have a concern that you wish to talk to one of the pastoral team about or if there is a safeguarding concern the school will be manned between 9 and 12.00 each day and there will be staff on site until 2.30pm. You can email either myself or Mrs Bennett with any concerns or if you feel there is an immediate safeguarding issue please contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01926 414144

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The school will be open for vulnerable children or those of key workers over the next fortnight and we will be monitoring the demand. Information will go out to those parents as soon as we've gathered the names of students.

There is still county based assistance available and the Warwickshire local welfare scheme helps our most vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis when they have no other means of help. The scheme provides basic and essential help for food and energy. This is given either in emergency food parcels or with credit for energy.

Please go to the following website <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>

This could potentially be a long period off school. If as a parent, you are concerned about your child/ren then there is a service called 'Family Support' that is available to you to seek advice on behaviour and welfare. They can be contacted on the Family Support helpline on 01926 412 412.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Mitchell

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