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## **CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING (No. 1)**

Dear Parents

As the Coronavirus situation continues to develop we are working hard to take the appropriate steps to adapt our provision. A key feature of this is keeping parents and children informed about any developments. To help with this, I intend to send a daily briefing to parents, outlining any developments of changes in provision following the daily briefing and guidance from the Government. Additionally, we have created a link on the homepage of our website which links directly to an archive of our Coronavirus communications. <https://www.crickladedemanor.com/>

### **Staffing and provision**

- There are a number of teaching staff who are currently absent either because they are either at 'high risk' or living in a household with a family member who is displaying a fever or cough and they have 'self-isolated'. Due to these staff absences, it may not be possible for the staff to send work home to parents of children who are self-isolating as I had hoped. External supply teachers are not being employed to limit the risk of cross infection from other schools. I ask parents to be understanding at this time.
- We have cancelled all external club providers and peri teachers with the exception of Mrs Timbrell as she has a teaching responsibility.
- A thorough Deep Clean programme has been devised if the school needs to close. This will be enacted as the school closes and again before it reopens.

### **Planning for Closure**

- The initial phase of educational planning has been completed which allows for 3 weeks of standalone English, Maths and Topic work to be sent home immediately if the government decide to close schools.
- The children in Years 3-8 will begin their initial training on Thursday in using Microsoft Teams to access their Home Learning Resources which will be available after the Easter Holidays if required. These resources include daily Maths and English activities and weekly spellings and/or phonics activities. Additionally, topic-based projects have been planned to engage the children.
- We have renewed our subscription for 'Mangahigh' Maths and a new subscription to 'Letter-join' an online handwriting provision. Additionally, we will be sending home additional learning resources such as lists of suggested websites and suggested reading lists.
- Specific topic-based curriculum planning, guidance and advice for Nursery age children.

### **Technology provision**

- We are in the process of setting up individual Microsoft accounts for the children so that online pastoral meetings via Microsoft teams can take place.
- Guidance for parents on home learning is being written which also included a safeguarding update regarding the benefits and vulnerabilities of video chats.

### **Actions for parents**

- Please ensure that all children from Year 3-Year 8 have their Games kit in every day as there may be some timetable changes.
- If you wish to have your Parents' Evening via telephone this week, at your originally allotted time, please email your child's Form Tutor to confirm which phone number you wish to be contacted on.

Kind regards

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Headmaster