

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Coronavirus/Covid-19**

You will now be aware that the Government has made the decision to close schools. Obviously, this is unsettling during these difficult times, but the health and safety of students and staff must be our priority.

All students will now be self-isolating until further notice, when further announcements will be made on a return to school. We will update you on any such developments via our website, ClassCharts, emails and text messages.

During this time of isolation, it is crucial that students' learning continues and we are determined to support parents and carers in supporting their sons' and daughters' remote learning.

All instructions on remote, online learning will be given through our usual system of ClassCharts. Please make sure that this is viewed regularly throughout the day, as staff will provide information and the work that needs to be completed at home through remote learning. We have already provided separate work for students who do not have access to online learning.

We will also use other online learning platforms, such as SAM learning and Google Classroom but, as stated above, you will be informed of this through Class Charts announcements. If you or your son has any problems in accessing ClassCharts then please contact our IT support [id3@southborough.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:id3@southborough.kingston.sch.uk)

Whilst completing remote, online learning, it is very important that you encourage your son/daughter to keep to a daily routine:

- Wake up at the normal time and get changed into their own clothes as if attending school;
- Work online following their normal school timetable;
- Complete homework;
- Have break and lunch times and socialise with friends via phone or internet occasionally;
- Get lots of fresh air and exercise and eat properly.

Obviously, the school will be closed, but we still have a duty of care towards all our students. If any safeguarding issues arise and you wish for school support you will find plenty of help, advice and guidance on our school CareNet which is on our website, along with how to contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Team.

The school has also made certain arrangements to support those students entitled to Free School Meals, for vulnerable students and those students whose parents are key workers during the current health crisis. These parents/ carers and students are being contacted separately.

I would like to reassure parents again that as a school we have taken all the necessary precautions and followed all relevant procedures to support our students and our local community during these difficult times. Please may I remind you of the importance to self-isolate sensibly and use this time of remote learning as an opportunity to enhance your sons' education and love of learning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niall Smith', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Niall Smith

Headteacher