



Message from the Principal

Safeguarding

In this event, we are ensuring the safeguarding and welfare of our students is core to our decision-making. We have plans in place to contact our vulnerable students (e.g. looked after, child protection, child in need and early help) to monitor situations if they are not in school.

Throughout this time, students can also continue to use the blue 'I Want To Talk' button (via their homework portal) and a member of the safeguarding team will telephone within normal school hours.

In keeping with the fantastic community spirit that we are seeing there are going to be some well-meaning organisations that offer teaching or education support whilst the schools are going through a period of closure.

However, if you were considering this please also think about the Government guidance relating to Covid-19 and measures needed to reduce the risks of spreading through social spacing as far as possible and therefore the wider risk to the community (especially the elderly) of accidentally spreading the virus. Please also be aware that ALL such organisations are expected to have safeguarding policies and procedures that refer to Keeping Children Safe in Education (2019) and the 2015 Prevent duty in place as well as a trained designated lead for safeguarding and a deputy. Any education institution without these measures in place should be reported to the Local authority and if not to academy who will take appropriate steps to ensure that all children are kept safe in these difficult times.

Support

Some important telephone numbers and websites for parents/carers and students:

Childline

Childline is available to help anyone under the age of 19.

You can contact Childline about anything that is worrying you, day or night.

A help and advice charity that provides a counselling service for children and young people. It is free of charge and confidential. A multilingual service is provided.

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

YoungMinds

YoungMinds provides mental health resources for young people.

[They have a 24/7 text helpline](#) for young people having a mental health crisis.

They provide information and assistance to improve mental health and emotional wellbeing in children and young people, as well as giving support and guidance for parent/carer empowerment.

YOUNGMINDS

Samaritans

Samaritans provide a service where someone will listen to you and help you talk through your concerns, worries and troubles.



[They have a 24/7 helpline](#) available to talk to someone.

They provide emotional support for those with feelings of despair or distress and are struggling to cope or are at risk of suicide.

CAMHS

CAMHS is the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. They are part of the NHS and provide mental health services for young people.



No Panic

No Panic helps people who suffer from anxiety disorders, including obsessive compulsive disorder, panic attacks and phobias.



[A youth helpline for ages 13–20](#) is available if you need support. They also provide a helpline for adults.

Students Against Depression

The Students Against Depression website offers advice, guidance, information and resources for those affected by low mood, depression and suicidal thinking. It also provides tips and advice for those helping others.



Anxiety UK

Anxiety UK provide self-help leaflets and information on self-help groups for those suffering with anxiety disorders.

Work for students

All students have been provided with a work pack so that they have resources to use immediately following the closure of the school. These contain work from all subjects at an appropriate level. Students have also been given a copy of their school timetable and we suggest that students still follow this at home to ensure that they are spending an appropriate amount of time on each subject. Over

the coming days and weeks, staff will be putting together other resources for students to use and to access online where appropriate. We suggest that students regularly check their school email accounts to see if staff have alerted them to any new resources either on Onedrive or Microsoft teams. Where directed students can then upload any completed work to Onedrive or Microsoft teams to be checked by their teachers. It is also crucial that students regularly check the homework portal as all work and resources will be added to this for students to access. We are also going to put a range of student resources at the front of school for parents/carers to collect if required. This may obviously change dependent on advice from the Government. Please support your son/daughter by ensuring that they are working at home as it is vital that students do not fall behind with the content of all subjects being studied. Students can still access their Accelerated Reading account so please remember to keep reading particularly the 16 by 16 books. Students have also been issued with a list of useful websites to use during this time and this information is available on our website.

Useful Websites

<https://www.senecalearning.com>

<https://www.linguascope.com> (Username :- suttonxx Password :- langs4life)

<https://timetable.pixl.org.uk>

<https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk>


<https://vocab.pixl.org.uk>

For all Pixl Apps – School ID: ST2160 User ID: surname and first initial (not case sensitive)

<https://www.kerboodle.com>


[Quizlet.com](https://www.quizlet.com)

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer - Sign up and access all online resources free for a month using the code: TWINKLHELPS


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Teachit English
 5 hrs ·

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<https://bit.ly/3dmhWzU>

The BBC are also currently working with the Department of Education to explore new ways of distance learning for students during this time. They are exploring the possibility of doing the following:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/bbc-keeping-nation-informed-educated-entertained>

- A daily educational programme for different key stages or year groups - with a complementary self-learning programme for students to follow, broadcast on BBC Red Button and made available on demand on BBC iPlayer.
- Expanding BBC Bitesize content, with our social media running daily troubleshooting Q&As focusing on a different subject each day.
- Increasing our educational programming on BBC iPlayer, bringing together the best from BBC Bitesize, BBC Teach and the wider BBC portfolio where educationally appropriate.
- Creating two new daily educational podcasts for BBC Sounds, one for primary and one for secondary.
- BBC Four and BBC Red Button devoting a block of programming each weekday evening to show programmes that support the GCSE and A Level curriculum.

Foodbanks and FSM

There will be a hot meal provided for everyone on site which will be chargeable for anyone who is not in receipt of FSM.

Anyone in receipt of FSM (including UIFSM) can collect a cold packed lunch from the academy site on a daily basis from reception but please remember about social distancing and do not queue.

There are local foodbanks in the area such as St. Mary's and the Christian Fellowship, we are currently liaising with another food company for support.

Students who are coming in on Monday can get a breakfast in the canteen where we will register them.

Finally, I have added below a card as an example of what some Year 7 students have completed this week to send to elderly family members. We will keep you updated via our website and as a community we will overcome this. Take care.

Mr D Mackey

