



Corona Virus Community Update 12: 27th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write with a further update on the CV19 situation and to keep that all important link between school and our community. The school has been open online to all students and in a physical form to a select few that are most in need.

- Thank you yet again for all the kind words. This means a lot to me and my staff who are working extremely hard to keep education going. Yes, there has been some teething problems and yes there has been a small number of grumbles from some - my response is very much that of the other organisations that have key workers - to be kind, patient and respectful. I stand by my wonderful staff and applaud them for what they are doing - we are hearing of schools that are simply leaving their students with no continued education - we have greater aspirations for our students. I ask that any communication relating to technical queries continue to go through the email previously given:
 - elarning@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk
- Some have asked for printed packs of work and we are arranging this to be available from next week. As we have previously asked for communication regarding internet and computer limitations at home and because of the health and safety risks, we will only be providing this for those that arrange through emailing in advance. Please email using the following email link only, stating your child's full name and year group. We will get back to you when these will be made available but please note that these will be limited due to school and national stocks.
 - elarning@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk
- I hope that the move to weekly tasks have made things a little more accessible. I have also instructed teachers to submit a longer task/project to cover the Easter Holidays. This gives a little more freedom for students and indeed my staff to spend needed time with their families. After the Easter Holidays, teachers will revert back to weekly tasks that we expect to be completed as per usual. In addition to the longer-term project work set over Easter, I will personally be setting an Easter project competition for all students where a prize will be issued! More information on this to follow next week.
- As I and a reduced number of staff have been in school ensuring we are supporting all families most in need, we have noticed some students not adhering to national social distancing protocol. We have also had a couple of emails from the community about friends meeting. We have contacted parents of those students who have been socialising around the school but if you suspect or indeed know of your child doing this - please stress the importance of not putting lives at risk. I have instructed staff in school to log such instances with the police. Google offers a brilliant free app, Family Link, to keep track of your child and ensure they are safe both online and more. [Click here](#) to access Family Link guidance on how to install and set-up.

I will be in touch next week with more information and updates, as well as the Easter competition.

Yours faithfully & stay safe,

Mr D Watkin: Headteacher