



24th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I write today with information and reminders of what we can be doing at this time. Today is the second day that we have been learning online and it appears to have been as successful as the first. Our teachers, teaching assistants and all linked to your child's learning have told me of the positive engagement and progress within the online Google Classrooms set up. Thank you for all you are doing to support us and your child; it is much appreciated.

Our team of tutors and pastoral leads have checked in with students and will continue to do so to ensure they are well and also that they have what they need to learn. If you need any help please let us know either through your child directly to their tutor or by email to school: contactus@chessington.kingston.sch.uk. While we are not all onsite we remain here for the learning and wellbeing of your child as always.

Through this week and beyond we are planning a range of new and innovative opportunities to fully enhance your child's learning online. These will include a diary of their experience during this historical time, wellbeing activities and an online way of still achieving their stickers for the sticker books we use to celebrate wider learning. Later this week we will be releasing some help for parents with using Google as we know many are new to this. This will include hints and tips to help it fit in with the situations we are all facing in our homes at the moment.

We know much of this is new for parents and families. At the end of the week we will be sending a questionnaire to get feedback from you so we can best tailor what we are doing to support your child but also to support you in best helping your child learn at home. Again, we fully understand the complexities within the household at the moment and want to help.

As schools we are being asked to urge parents to continue to keep children at home. The Prime Minister's announcement last evening highlights the importance of this ever more. We are fully aware of the challenges at home with work, care, school and more but please continue to educate our children as to why they have to stay at home. Please, if you can, lead by example. You will see a link below to the most up to date government guidelines as to what we are all being asked to do to beat this virus; let's all show our young people what to do at this time of challenge.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

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I will write tomorrow to parents of Year 11 students with clarification on the exams situation and also to any families entitled to free school meals with an update on the system we are using to ensure we as a school fulfil this important duty.

Thank you all again for what you are doing for our young people.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ali'.

Mr A Ali
Headteacher