



Remote Message from the Principal 8

12th June 2020

Dear all,

It has not been long at all since I last wrote to you, at the start of the week, but as promised I wanted to share with you some of the wonderful pictures of both remote learning over the last few weeks and from the pupils now back in school.

In school, the week has continued in the same manner as the first day – lots of smiling staff and pupils, and it's been so wonderful to hear and see learning going on in the School building again. Thank you also to all of you at home who have shared with me and your teachers all of the wonderful work you are continuing to do remotely.

I am sure you will have heard the news earlier in the week that it is no longer the Government's intention to bring back all Primary children before the start of the summer holiday. I am sure this has provoked both feelings of intense disappointment and relief amongst the CFS parents and pupils. Since the moment we went into lockdown, I have felt a persistent feeling of utter sadness that our pupils can't be in **their** school at the moment, and we now know that for many this is going to continue that little bit longer. Whilst the Education Secretary did also say that it would be up to School Leaders to decide if they were to expand their opening to more pupils this term, under the current guidance this would be very difficult to execute due to space and staffing limitations. It is also something not being encouraged by the Local Authority. That said, we await to see if the guidance alters at all over the next week, and I will be in touch again as soon as we know more.

I feel like a stuck record, but it never stops being important to say – we continue to support all CFS pupils and their families, both pastorally and academically, whether they are in school or not. And this latest news will make that day, when we are all finally back together under one roof, even more special. I genuinely cannot wait!

From Monday, of course, we start to welcome back Year 10 pupils for one day a week. The focus of this time in school will be to get some added support with a Maths and English specialist, as well as time to explore the rest of the remote learning to ensure that all pupils are on track. Year 10 and 12 remain at the forefront of our minds at the moment, at such a crucial point in their exam years. Again, we await specifics from the Government about next year's exams; the latest information is that, whilst they will go ahead, they will be altered to reflect the disruption this year has brought. As I say to the pupils many times though, GCSEs and A Levels are like a race, and the best thing the pupils can be doing at present is to keep 'training'. **Keep on top of your remote learning so that you can hit the ground running when we return to school properly.**



Can Year 10 parents and pupils please check the specific details in the [Year 10 letter](#) for the logistics of their return from Monday, but here are the key reminders:

- Aquila on Monday, Noctua on Tuesday, Pegasus on Thursday, Phoenix on Friday
- Arrival is at 11.30am at the staff car park gate, **not** the normal pupil gate.
- Departure is at 3.30pm.
- Pupils should wear normal school uniform and minimise what they bring with them, but stationery, packed lunch (canteen is not open) and iPad (if owned) should be brought.
- Pupils should be aware of the home school agreement and the expectations we have in place, including the need for social distancing at all times.
- Whilst we have to actively discourage the use of public transport, we appreciate this is sometimes necessary – where face coverings are therefore worn to and from school they must be removed when on the School site.
- Same rules for mobile phones apply as normal.
- If your child is not returning at all this half term, please contact absence@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk on the day their House group is due in and let Mrs Garner know - you will not need to contact us every week if you state that this is for the rest of the term. If they are attending, but are just absent on a one off occasion, then please contact absence@ in the normal way on the day affected.
- Please contact use immediately if your child has been in school and displays any Coronavirus symptoms, even if this is not on the day they are due in themselves.

We look forward to seeing some of our Year 10 pupils at some point next week.

It would be remiss of me to not mention the other prominent news at the moment – the international protests and voices against racism in all aspects of society. Whilst we cannot explore this with the pupils in the way we would normally, when all in the building together, teachers and the pastoral team are looking at ways to support our pupils in their understanding of this important topic remotely over the coming weeks. We will, of course, then continue to explore this topic further once we are in school together again.

All that leaves is for me, as promised, to share with you some pictures celebrating our wonderful pupils (and their parents of course!) over the last few weeks. Enjoy!

Have a relaxing weekend.

With very best wishes.

Mrs Louise New

Principal

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