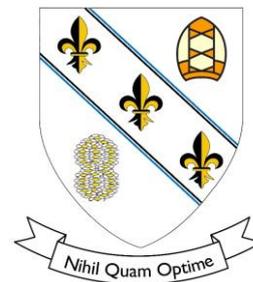


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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Thank you for your support in this difficult period. We send our best wishes to you and your family. You will remain in our thoughts and we will be available to you via email. Should you think there is something that we can help with, or if you are concerned about a pupil's welfare or safety, please email admin@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

Homework

We have given your child the information they need to work from home. We have said to them that they will do well to keep to the routines they have when they are at College. It is our intention to set work on ClassCharts according to the timetable, and we have emphasised to pupils that they need to keep up as far as possible (rather than "catch up").

We have sent messages to pupils and parents to ask if they have a problem with internet access. We will continue to communicate and will do our best. We have told pupils to be aware that teachers might not be able to set work if they become ill.

Please see below information relating to reading and literacy. It is difficult to underestimate the importance of literacy across all subjects. Please could we ask you to support your child and for them to use this time as an opportunity.

Free School Meals

We are presently awaiting guidance and are in the process of planning for this. We will of course fulfil our obligations and be in touch with parents of pupils entitled to free school meals.

Key workers

The tone of the advice has changed in the last 24 hours and guidance about key workers has been introduced. We draw your attention to the phrase *Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.*

Guidance can be found on [Government Advice: Key Workers](#)

Transport

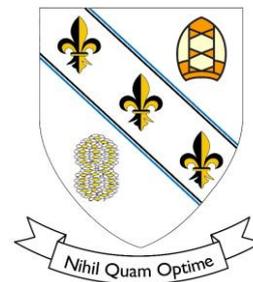
We have been informed by Devon County Council that they will continue to provide school transport for children of key workers, plus those children with Education Health Care Plans or who have a Social Worker.

The transport provided directly by the College (Chulmleigh 60, 61, 62 and 63) will continue should there be a requirement.

We will of course update you should there be any changes.

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Social distancing

You will be aware of the guidance. It can be found on [Government Advice: Social Distancing](#)

Trips

As you know, we have cancelled the trip to Iceland. The French Exchange looks extremely unlikely and we are working on this. The insurance companies have informed us that they will refund these trips. I guess that we will have to wait some time for this.

Library

The College library is closed to the public and to pupils who are not attending College.

Communication

We will continue to update you on a weekly basis through Optime. Any urgent messages will be sent via text or e-mail. The College Facebook page will also be updated regularly. We recognise that communication is two-way, so please do not hesitate to contact us via email at admin@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk This e-mail address will be monitored on a daily basis.

Finally, pupils and staff have shown real character this week. Behaviour has been sensitive and strong; Chulmleigh has a great team and we're all proud to be part of it.

Look after yourself and your children. We look forward with great anticipation to a return to a normal way of life, which this situation has made us appreciate.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Johnson
Executive Headteacher



Reading

Accessing the AR website at home

It is important that you use the following link for the AR website. Every school has their own unique link, so you cannot access the website by just putting 'AR' into a search engine.

<https://ukhosted52.renlearn.co.uk/3220381/default.aspx>

Pupils will need to use their normal login details. They must ensure they enter these correctly. A failure to do this will mean they will be locked out. If this does occur, please contact Miss Nunn by email and she will endeavour to unblock the pupil as soon as possible.

Quizzing

Due to these exceptional circumstances, pupils will be allowed to quiz from home. Pupils should access the website and quiz in the normal way.

Accessing appropriate books

Pupils will be allowed to take out three books from the library at any one time. If you would like to use books from home or you would like to purchase books (either physical books or through an e-reader such as Kindle) then you can use the following website to check that they are on the AR scheme. This site will also give you information on the level and the recommended age range of the book.

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

Free audiobooks from Devon Library Services

It is possible to access free audiobooks; however, you will need to register for this service using a Devon Library number. To learn more about this service, please use the link below.

<https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/ebooks>

Reading Articles

There are articles on a wide variety of topics that pupils can read online and quiz. To access these, pupils need to log onto the AR website and select the 'articles' tab on their home screen.

Literacy Interventions

Bedrock Vocabulary

Some pupils have been doing Bedrock Vocabulary intervention (pupils will know who they are). This can be accessed at home using their regular login details. Most pupils have these written in their planners. Ideally, pupils should spend approximately half an hour a day on Bedrock.

<https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>

Nessy

Some pupils are currently taking part in spelling interventions (pupils will know if this applies to them). They can access the Nessy website at home. Pupils should spend about 30 minutes a day on Nessy.

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/>