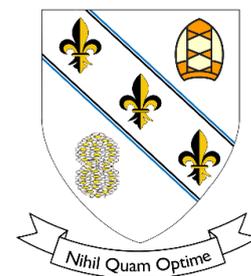


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Dear Parent(s)/ Carer(s) & Pupils

I would like to start this letter by thanking you for your fortitude and patience as we enter what is likely to be the most difficult period of national lockdown.

We are following the guidelines, so the school will be closed until at least the end of February half term, with the exception of pupils who are vulnerable or whose parents are Key Workers.

Testing

We are currently making plans to test pupils and staff who are in school, using the Lateral Flow Tests we have been provided. A separate letter will be sent to you to ask for your consent.

Remote Learning

High quality remote learning will be provided to make sure our pupils continue to receive a consistent education. We know that this places pressure on you at a difficult time, but your support in helping your child engage with the remote learning as much as possible is so important and we are very grateful for it. Like in the previous partial school closures, the remote learning is on the school website under the class pages.

Communication

We shall get in touch with you by telephone in due course as we did during the last lockdown, and we are extremely keen to know what we can do to help.

Your child will be called by their tutor or Head of Year. This is to speak with them and answer any questions that they may have about work or school in general, and to keep our communication open to all pupils. We understand that parents and carers may have questions and queries at times for specific members of staff or teams within the school. Below are some key ways in which you can get in contact with us;

ClassCharts support - ccc_classcharts@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support – ccc_sen@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk
General Enquiries – admin@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk

Key Workers

Please continue to make bookings through the MyEd app in the following way:

MyEd > My Students > Payments > Accounts >

Select: Key Worker Bookings > Select: Date/Day >

Please select Yes or No if you require: **School Transport** or a **School Meal** >

Pay Now (no charge) > Confirm > Complete

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Access to ICT

We want to make two significant changes since the last lockdown. The first is that we want all children who do not have adequate ICT or a decent internet signal to come into school and learn here. We called the parents of every child who did not perform well in the last lockdown and I would ask those parents to please send your child in if you have not done so. If they miss work in this period, they will become more vulnerable educationally.

Pupils who cannot access ICT are vulnerable, as they cannot get the home education they are entitled to. When they come into school, they will continue to follow the safety measures put in place before lockdown.

One in every three lessons will have an element of live learning in them, starting next week. All pupils have access to TEAMS through their school email account at Catmail.org. Teachers will be notifying pupils which lessons they will be delivering the live content in, via ClassCharts.

It is vital that all pupils check this information to see when they need to access TEAMS for their live lessons. Instructions on how to access this will be sent to all parents and pupils on ClassCharts email, and will be available on our Facebook page. It is very important that your child is following the work they are being set.

The attempt to complete a whole school live assembly today was not successful, and we will make another attempt at a live assembly in due course.

Year 11

I would like to pay particular tribute to the pupils of Year 11, their teachers and the school staff who have worked so closely with them. I know many pupils and teachers feel a sense of grief that these exams do not seem to be going ahead in the same way, but we remain resolved to get the best from this situation and will let you know as we know more. Year 11 are amongst the most impressive year groups we have ever had, and their results will reflect their ability.

There was an announcement this afternoon that teachers will assess their grades. We want this to be done thoroughly and fairly, giving pupils credit for their work, and taking into account what they would have achieved if lockdown had not happened.

Mr Payne will be writing to Y11 tomorrow, and the remainder of the mock GCSEs will go ahead to help us with the process of awarding grades (when we know about the instructions from the exam boards.)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Johnson'.

Michael Johnson
Executive Headteacher