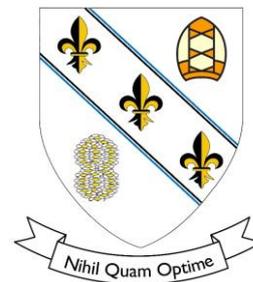


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5th February 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Update 4

I hope you are well and content.

We have got a very good system in place for the Lateral Flow Tests and are carrying them out on a weekly basis with both pupils and staff. We have been fortunate and have had no positive cases this half term. I note that the levels of infection in North Devon, Mid Devon and Torridge are comparatively low and are reducing. That's good news.

Weather

It is possible that we will have snow on Monday. I anticipate that we will be open for children who are attending, but recognise that transport issues in bad weather conditions might make it very difficult for pupils to get in. If there is snow, we will be texting, emailing and putting the situation on social media from 07.00. We are proud of the fact that we rarely close – we always do everything we can to stay open. Work will continue to come to pupils at home via ClassCharts; we want to 'do our bit' and feel pleased to be in a position where we can make a contribution and help you.

Track and Trace

We are taking part in Track and Trace during the half-term break and will be sending a letter next week to explain how this will work.

Optime Newsletter

As in the last lockdown, we are once again sharing remote education work through our weekly newsletter 'Optime' – we hope that you and your families are enjoying seeing the hard work which is carrying on through this unprecedented time. Feedback received from pupils last year showed that they enjoyed seeing their friends' work in this way; it was a way of maintaining a form of connection in our school community. Equally, we would like to share news of accomplishments outside of school, such as community volunteering, fundraising or lockdown challenges. If you have something to share, please send news to Mrs Huxtable via rhuxtable@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk, with a photograph if possible.

Broadband Survey

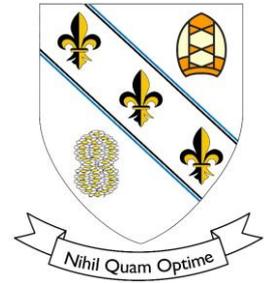
As requested, we have surveyed the parents and carers of Chulmleigh Academy Trust children to determine the quality and availability of broadband connectivity for our pupils to be able to effectively access remote education. We serve a vast area of approximately 200 square miles and schools within our Multi Academy Trust sit within North Devon, Torridge and Mid Devon constituencies.

Our research and analysis are based on the recommended download speeds for a device to adequately access and engage with remote education.

Recommended download speeds per household – web surfing, email, social networking, live streaming video (to include access to remote learning):

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Number of devices	Recommended Download Speed
1-2	Up to 25 Mbps
3-5	50 to 100 Mbps
More than 5	150 to 200 Mbps

100-200 Mbps is considered to be good.

Below is an overview of the findings from our survey of parents and carers of Chulmleigh Academy Trust pupils:

Chulmleigh Academy Trust

Inadequate	169	76.82%
Medium	48	21.82%
Good	3	1.36%
	220	100.00%

The attached spreadsheet is the full set of data that we have received, with an overview of the postal codes of our parents and carers. We have redacted the personal details and provided the overview to Selaine Saxby MP as requested. As previously discussed, you will see the severe disparity of service and accessibility that our families and young people experience. This acts as a significant disadvantage across many aspects of family life and furthermore creates a greater divide for the young people we serve.

We have forwarded this data to Selaine Saxby and hope that she will let us know about any plans to address this. Broadband is a utility and this is a community issue of great importance.

All our pupils have had another stunning week; we salute them.

Yours faithfully

M Johnson
Executive Headteacher

cc. Selaine Saxby MP