



19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the announcement to close all schools from the end of Friday 20th March, please find below information to support you with your son or daughter's learning at home and highlight channels of support should you need them:

- Teachers have set up Google classrooms for all classes - Google can be accessed from any computer by going to Google's standard site and signing in with school login details in the top right hand corner. This applies to a Mac too - you just have to download Google Chrome for Mac free of charge. Please see a separate correspondence we sent earlier today for more information on accessing Google Suite via the school's website.
- Try to ensure your child maintains a strong routine during the period of closure, as close to the school day as possible. They should log onto their emails and Google classrooms every day.
- Encourage your son/daughter to be proactive, reading around tasks and taking his/her learning as far as they can.
- You or your son/daughter can email teachers if you have any questions. We will monitor office@stokesleyschool.org throughout the day to forward any requests. Students can also contact staff directly through the Google classroom which alerts them via email. Taking into account their own childcare issues and provided they are not ill, teaching and support staff will all be available throughout the normal school day.
- If your son/daughter has problems logging in, you can contact Mr Smith, Network Manager, on itsupport@stokesleyschool.org who will be happy to help.
- Until we know more information, students in Y11 and Y13 should continue to complete work as directed by their teachers. We await an update from exam boards tomorrow, although in our experience, this usually comes late in the day so you may not hear from us until Monday.
- If your child is in Y7 and Y8, they can continue with the Accelerated Reader scheme. Many books are in the programme and therefore have quizzes linked to them, you can check this by typing the book's title into the website **AR Bookfinder**. Alternatively your child can check the title of the book using their own Accelerated Reader account.
- We are preparing a wellbeing journal to include exercises and activities around the following mental health issues: self-esteem, resilience, anxiety and mindfulness.. These challenges can be completed individually or as a family.

If you have internet access issues and/or no computer facilities, please contact Mr McGreal on r.mcgreal@stokesleyschool.org or use the IT support address above. We are aware several parents have already done this and Mr McGreal is liaising with them directly.

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The school will remain open for some students and more detailed information will be circulated about this separately. We will also adjust our strategy with Y11 and Y13 students as and when more information becomes available from exam boards; again, we will keep you posted.

It is worth noting that Google classroom alerts students via email every time the staff member adds information. As some staff have childcare to consider, they may be working outside of normal school hours. With this thought in mind, you may wish to encourage your son/daughter to take school emails off their personal mobile so they can successfully differentiate between work and rest. This is your decision to make as a parent in conjunction with your son/daughter.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the closure, please email the safeguarding team on safeguarding@stokesleyschool.org and we will get straight back to you.

For clarification, safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Staff will continue to work diligently to support our students but we need your support to ensure that your child is working to the best of their ability, accessing the provision we are providing. Together, we can ensure that all members of our Stokesley School community work alongside each other to ensure this situation is the best it can be.

If you have any concerns at all, please feel free to direct them to me via office@stokesleyschool.org and I will respond as promptly as I possibly can.

As you would expect, staff will not be setting work during the period that is already denoted as the Easter holiday.

Don't forget, we're still open tomorrow! We look forward to seeing our students then.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs H. L. Millett
Headteacher