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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are safe and well.

At the end of our first week of running a 'virtual' school, I would like to give you some updates.

Online learning

- Your child should be following their normal timetable. Their teacher will be there to welcome them at the normal start time of the lesson. Please ensure your child is ready by 8:20 for their first lesson at 8:30.
- The lesson start times are 8:35, 9:25, 10:35, 11:25, 13:00, 13:50 14:50 and 14:40.
- **Your child should log on to the DPR rather than the google hangout as previously shared.** There will be a link to learning there. This is for safeguarding and operational reasons.
- The teacher will begin with a presentation and then your child will be getting on with work through the DPR.
- Your child will need to upload their work on the DPR.
- If your child does not have a computer, please email contact@cumberlandcst.org and let us know. Someone will be in touch.
- If your child is not engaging online, a member of staff will call you. It is now up to parents to ensure that they are logging on.
- We expect the highest standards of work and conduct online. If your child is misbehaving, we will notify you. They will be subject to sanctions on their return to school. We realise it's difficult sometimes.

Year 11 exams

- Year 11 should engage with their learning and upload all of their work to the DPR.
- The work on the DPR will provide evidence for teacher judgement which will determine their grades.
- We will be supporting them all we can to get the very best grades.
- If your child needs emotional help or support, please get in touch with your child's Head of Learning, stephen.robinson@cumberlandcst.org

Other year groups

- If you or your child need help or support with online learning, please contact your child's Head of Learning.
- Similarly if you or your child need any other help or advice, please contact your child's Head of Learning.

Government advice on social distancing

As you will be aware the government has issued advice on social distancing. It has come to our attention that some students are not following this advice.

Please note the following:

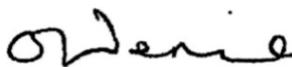
- Your child should be in the confines of their home for most of the day.
- They should not be socialising with friends other than online.
- Your child should go out for exercise once a day. This should only be with members of their own household. If they see someone they know when they are out, they should keep a 2 metre distance between them.
- Your child should not have visitors at home or visit someone else's home.
- Your child should wash their hands regularly.

Free School Meals

- We are still firming up arrangements around Free School Meal distribution going forward. We will be in touch with individual families.
- Currently children/ families should come to school and pick up the FSM.
- We know that there have been some texts going around asking for bank details. These are scam texts and should be ignored.
- If you have a query about free school meals please email sharon.murphy@cumberlandcst.org

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family the very best at this very difficult time. It has been a very interesting opportunity from a learning perspective to see how students and teachers can maximise learning in a new way online. It has been remarkable to watch and learn new ways of interacting. If you have any feedback, please email contact@cumberlandcst.org to let us know what is going well and what needs to be improved. I know as a school we have found the messages of support for how our teachers are working with students very encouraging.

Yours sincerely



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