



3rd April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you are all managing to stay safe and healthy. Thank you for your ongoing support during this time and for all that you are doing to ensure that your children are supported during the school closure. As usual the purpose of this letter is to provide regular updates on home learning and Easter arrangements. All updates and letters will continue to be sent by email and parent portal.

I appreciate that many of you are balancing your own work commitments, helping your children with their learning and supporting extended families, whilst also trying to manage your own wellbeing at the same time. I know how tough this can be having two children of my own at home, it can sometimes feel overwhelming. It was my day 'on-call' yesterday and all I managed to get through was a drawing, some spellings and a jigsaw! So it is important to know that what you are doing is enough. Completing as much of the work that you can, as well as smiling, singing, playing, cooking, talking, cleaning and Netflixing, is enough, it all contributes to supporting your child's broader understanding and development. So I would like to say well done and keep going, we're all in the same boat!

Home Learning Expectations

Thank you for supporting with the work that is being completed at home and also for your feedback it is very important to us. I would like to reassure you that we are trying to balance the work out as much as possible. If it means that some days you are unable to complete the work set or you don't do as much as planned, please know that we understand this, it is only important that we are all doing our best at a difficult time.

Promoting positive mental health is extremely important at this time and it has been great to hear that many of you are making time for your children to exercise (thanks Joe Wicks), spend time outdoors, be creative, talk and relax. This is so important.

Some of you have asked what to do if home learning is not going to plan. If you would like any support at all with this please just email us at office@worcs.tgacademy.org.uk or message subjects/staff via Show My Homework and we will get back to you to help.

Easter

As we approach the planned Easter holidays, it is important that we give students, parents and staff time to recharge ahead of the new term. Therefore, no new work will be set for home learning during the holiday period between 4th to 19th April.

I understand that some students may feel a lack of purpose during these two weeks and so we have made some suggestions for holiday activities on SMHW and the link below is a list of virtual tours that your children (and you!) may want to take (it's the next best thing to being there).

<https://www.hotukdeals.com/deals/free-virtual-tours-louvre-british-museum-wall-of-china-exoplanet-nasa-uffizi-van-gogh-salvatore-dali-museum-and-more-3429850>.

Keeping in touch

We are all really missing the children and we have enjoyed seeing the work they are producing at home and photographs of them keeping busy. Please continue to share this with us, using the function to submit work on Show My Homework. It really helps keep spirits up.

In-School Provision

We have continued to remain open for a very small number of students whose parents / carers are critical workers. As the pressure on the NHS and emergency services increases, we understand that circumstances at home might change. If so, please contact us via email.

We would also like to reassure the families of the children we are caring for that we will continue this provision over the Easter break, including bank holidays (but not weekends).

Communication with school

During the planned Easter break, there will not be administrative staff on site and it is unlikely we will be able to answer the phones or pick up answer phone messages. Please try and communicate using email wherever possible (office@worcs.tgacademy.org.uk) and the most appropriate member of staff will get back to you. During the Easter break, you will only receive responses to urgent emails.

Exam Results

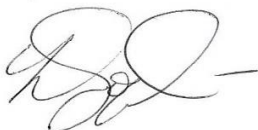
The government have today released some guidance regarding grades and results. Schools will be required to submit information based on most likely outcomes at the end of May, which will then be moderated by the exam boards and results will be published in the summer. We will receive further guidance after Easter and will update you further at that point. Again please do not contact us regarding individual grades as there is no additional information we can give you. The following link is today's letter to students from Ofqual giving further detail.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter to students - Summer 2020 grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf).

Thank you again for all your on-going support and understanding, we will continue to do all that we can to support our wonderful TGAW community.

Enjoy your Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Butler
Principal