

April 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are staying well.

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> should have been the start of a new term but we currently have no idea when we will be able to return to school in anything like a normal situation. So while Monday 20<sup>th</sup> does not mark a return to school it should and must mark a return to learning in a more structured way after the Easter break. From Monday, staff will resume setting work on Show My Homework for each lesson each day for Years 7-10. I realise that this is no compensation for being in school but we have to do what we can in these difficult circumstances. I have asked staff also to recommend other websites, activities etc. that might benefit our students and widen their knowledge beyond the demands of the curriculum. For example, Chester Zoo are putting out some live feeds from various animal enclosures which are well worth watching and the BBC are increasing their educational programme output. Where there are questions regarding the learning or need to contact staff please remember the specific emails we have during closure:

English	<a href="mailto:englishclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">englishclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Maths	<a href="mailto:mathsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">mathsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Science	<a href="mailto:scienceclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">scienceclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
French/Spanish	<a href="mailto:mflclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">mflclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
History	<a href="mailto:historyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">historyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Geography	<a href="mailto:geographyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">geographyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
RS	<a href="mailto:rsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">rsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Technology, Engineering, Design	<a href="mailto:technologyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">technologyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Business, Computing, I-Media	<a href="mailto:ictclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">ictclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
PE, BTEC Sport, Health & Social	<a href="mailto:peclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">peclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Performing Arts, Dance, Music	<a href="mailto:performingartsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">performingartsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Art & Photography	<a href="mailto:artclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk">artclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk</a>

For Year 11 we will no longer be setting work. As you know, staff have to provide a teacher assessment grade for each student in their subject and we have a process now in school for finalising that. These assessment grades will be decided on all work done so far and it is now better that Year 11 students spend their time preparing for courses post 16. Miss Wareing will send out information directly to them as the Colleges are now putting a lot of information and pre-reading on their websites to help current Year 11. May I remind you that we are not allowed to share with students or parents the final teacher assessment grade that will be sent to the exam boards. The boards will have their own processes for ensuring that proportions of students awarded each grade nationally are in line with previous years and so there may be some adjustment

to grades submitted by teachers all over the country. Final grades will be issued to students on Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Free School Meals**

With regard to Free School Meals, it is very apparent that the company tasked by the Government to provide the vouchers is experiencing real difficulty with the volume of the task. We will continue to order the £15 per child per week vouchers and chase up any difficulties as we are made aware of them. Please do check your clutter or junk email envelopes in case the code has gone to them rather than your inbox.

### **PSHE**

Please find attached to this letter an information leaflet from the PSHE association about educating children in PSHE at home. As you know students at Carr Hill have one lesson per week in personal, social and health education and Mr Beale will email them lessons to complete on the topics they would have been doing in school.

### **Donations**

We have been through the school to find supplies of gloves and goggles and these have been donated to the local GP surgery. We also donated goggles and the Easter eggs we had collected to a hospice.

### **Thank you**

I would like to say a big thank you for the support and encouraging emails we have received over the past few weeks from parents and I would also like to thank all the staff for the way they have responded to the current situation. The school remained open over the 2 week Easter break, including Good Friday and Easter Monday and we will continue to stay open each day for those children of key workers and those who are considered vulnerable by virtue of having an EHCP or a social worker. Staff are on a rota and so there will always be adequate staff in school to support those students who are in.

Keep safe and best wishes,

Andrew Waller  
Headteacher