

## EMS LAW BRIDGING WORK SUMMER 2020



**Welcome to Law at EMS.**

**I am SO pleased that you have decided to study Law with us!**

**Tasks:**

Please use the PowerPoint, '*Introduction to Law at EMS*' to help you to carry out the activities suggested on the Student Work Sheet, '*Introduction to the English Legal System*'.

You can type or write the answers on the sheet or on A4 paper, it's up to you.

Most of the answers are found within the PP, immediately after the task. Try to think about your answer before you look at the answers.

If you have any problems contact me on [bmorton@ems.hartlepol.sch.uk](mailto:bmorton@ems.hartlepol.sch.uk)

Looking forward to meeting you soon

Mrs Morton

YOU ONLY NEED PAGES 7-22.

3. During the holiday, make a note of no more than 3 stories in the news that are based on law. Have enough information about them to be able to talk briefly about the story when we meet

Research and create a presentation (could be a Power Point presentation, poster, short essay, podcast etc.) on part of a criminal legal case – use information from the internet or TV documentaries/dramas.

## Law and rules: the difference between enforceable legal rules and principles and other rules and norms of behaviour

### Key terms:

A **rule** specifies certain conduct (how you act) or procedure e.g. ‘you must wear school uniform’ is a rule (conduct) or ‘if you are absent from school your parent must write a note’ (procedure).

A **principle** is the underlying reason we have the rule. Why does your school have a uniform? Why do your parents need to authorise your absence?

**Legal rules** tell us what we can and cannot do, but they also create rights.

**Legal principles** are the reasons we have the law e.g. why do we have a speed limit on the roads?

A **norm** is a customary way to behave. It doesn’t always need a rule to go with it as it is an accepted way to act in a particular situation. Society creates norms through socialisation e.g. family values, peer pressure, schooling. For example, if you went for a job interview you would dress smart, shake hands with the interviewer, make eye contact when they speak to you and you definitely wouldn’t

Law is part of everyday life. You have most likely entered into a legally binding agreement today (e.g. buying a bus ticket is a legal contract). To illustrate this point, complete the following activity:

**Instructions:** Look at the home page of a news website (e.g. BBC News). Try to spot the link that the law has with each story.

<b>News story</b>	<b>Link to the law</b>