



## Kirkburton Middle School

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Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you and your family are well. Welcome to our very first (and hopefully last) remote summer term! We've all had to adapt to new ways of working in recent weeks and, although it doesn't always feel like it, please be reassured that you are doing an amazing job in supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this difficult time. Thank you. It's definitely been a strange and challenging time for all so it's perfectly understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you as a school to support you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

As mentioned in my email on Friday, we are currently reviewing our approach to setting learning tasks for pupils over the coming weeks and we will use the feedback from the parent survey to guide us with this work. You may have seen details in the press this morning of two new online learning platforms that were launched today – Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize daily. Whilst we were aware of these new initiatives, we have not been able to view any content until today. Our staff are currently looking at these online courses and we will incorporate them into our plans where appropriate. For this reason, we have not yet produced a fixed timetable for pupils but we will aim to do this by the end of the week. In the meantime, pupils will be set work from different subjects each day this week and most tasks should be completed on the day set. We also think we have found a workable method by which pupils can submit work to staff. Whilst staff will be setting plenty of tasks for pupils to get stuck into over the summer term, it is important pupils take breaks away from work and that they make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn please contact either their subject teacher or your child's form tutor for further support. Our staff email addresses follow the format: [initial.surname@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:initial.surname@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk). Further details can be found on the 'working from home' section of the school website which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

We recognise the forced school closure period is an unsettling time for many families and as a school, we will continue to support you in every way possible. The Safeguarding team continue to do an excellent job in monitoring the welfare of our most vulnerable children. Should any of our families have concerns around the safety or wellbeing of children from our school community you can contact members of the Safeguarding team directly for advice or support using the email addresses below. Details of additional support for families can be found at the end of this letter.

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead  
[g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk)

Mr MacIntyre – Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
[a.macintyre@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:a.macintyre@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk)



Whilst we massively miss having the pupils in school (this is certainly not the way I dreamt my second term as a Headteacher would start) we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. Staff will continue to work remotely over the coming weeks and we will also maintain the ongoing provision for the families of critical workers at Scissett Middle School in order that they may continue to support the fight against Covid-19.

Unfortunately, we don't yet know when we'll be able to open the school again, please rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep pupils learning and the school connected. If you feel we can do more, please let us know.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please look out for the parent bulletin which will be sent out at the end of the week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Taylor  
Headteacher

## **Kirklees Support Services**

### **Thriving Kirklees**

Health Care advice, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Support, Healthcare Signposting

[www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk](http://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk)

0300 304 5555

### **Northorpe Hall – Kirklees**

Children's mental and emotional health service

[www.northorpehall.co.uk](http://www.northorpehall.co.uk)

01924 492183

### **Kirklees Children's services**

Safeguarding Services

[www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://www.kirkleessafeguardingchildren.co.uk)

01484 456848

## **Services for young people**

### **Thriving Kirklees**

Chathealth – Text message services for young people – direct link to School Nurse

07520618866

### **Childline**

[www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

0800 1111

### **NSPCC**

Support for Parents and Children

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Parents/carers – 0808 800 5000

Children – Via Childline 0800 1111

Duty and Advice – Quick Reference Numbers	
The following are phone numbers for Children's Services Duty and Advice team. If you have an <u>immediate</u> concern for a child's safety call the police on 999	
For professional (24 hours):	01484 414 960
For members of the public (9am-5pm office hours):	01484 456848
For members of the public, outside of 9am-5pm office hours:	Please call the relevant services
If you are a child:	01484 456 848 or Child Line: 0800 1111 (calls are free)

**Thrivng Kirklees**

If you're aged 11-19 (Year 7 and above) text your Thriving Kirklees nurse **07520 618866**

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**ChatHealth**

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