## **Coronavirus Update**



Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parent,

I am writing to reassure you of the steps the Academy has already taken to mitigate any issues that may arise to the recent COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak. We have consistently educated our pupils and staff about the importance of good hand hygiene as per the NHS and Public Health guidance. We will be keeping the supplies of soap replenished and facilities to dry hands well maintained. We will continue to follow Public Health Guidance closely and encourage pupils and staff to support each other as this situation develops.

As circumstances around the outbreak continue to change we will make sure we communicate with parents what steps we will be taking based on advice provided by the Department for Education and Public Health. In any eventuality it is important that learning opportunities for pupils continue. As part of the next phase of our curriculum development we are in the process of developing two clear locations on our website where pupils can access their learning. The development of the *Little Lessons* and *Greater Depth & Scholarship* pages, (links underneath), have now been accelerated due to these unprecedented circumstances and here pupils and parents will find subject specific material that will support learning and engagement away from school.

Many subjects use online resources for homework and to help support learning in the classroom so it is important that pupils know their username and passwords. All these facilities and links can be found on the <a href="Little Lessons"><u>Little Lessons</u></a> page of the website.

Alongside this we would encourage that pupils read for at least an hour a day as this will support them in their literacy skills. Sometimes activities such as family board games, discussions around news articles from Newsround, <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround">https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround</a>, painting or drawing, walking and even in-house karaoke can all benefit pupils if they find themselves learning from home.

In the event of closure the school will update our website and Facebook pages of any further developments. Any communications to the academy regarding your child must be through the school office email address only; <a href="mailto:oakfieldacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk">oakfieldacademy@educ.somerset.gov.uk</a>. There may be circumstances that mean phone messages connot be monitored.

It is very important that we all work together during this time and keep ourselves and our community healthy.

Should you have any queries or questions, do please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Wilkes, Headteacher

<u>Little Lessons</u> <u>Greater Depth & Scholarship</u>



