Sir William Stanier School

SIR WILLIAM STANIER SCHOOL BULLETIN 3

Thursday 26th March 2020

This bulletin will provide key daily updates regarding the unprecedented COVID-19 virus. Please contact <u>KS3@sws.cheshire.sch.uk</u> for any home learning or general queries relating <u>to Year 7</u>, 8 or 9 and <u>KS4@sws.cheshire.sch.uk</u> for any queries relating to Year 10 and 11.

Daily Updates

- Today's update is making sure that we are all staying emotionally healthy at the difficult time.
- Please use the KS3 and KS4 email addresses above to **send in photos and news** about your child's home learning. We can then post them on our social media.

Positive mental health and well-being contribute to a child's ability to flourish and achieve. As parents and carers of young people you can use the following *advice, links and information* to support your child.

- Kooth.com provides online mental health and wellbeing support to young people via internet accessible devices. Kooth provides an opportunity to interact wit other young people as well as receive support from a qualified counsellor. To find out more visit www.Kooth.com where young people can register and others can find out more about the service. You can also view a short video about the service here.
- Audible is an online audiobook service and is currently FREE for students. Everyone loves having a story read to them and if you sign up there are lots of books that you can listen to on your phone/laptop/PC. Click HERE to join Audible
- Mind.org.uk is another fantastic site for supporting people's mental health, please <u>click here</u> to visit the site. Mind.or.uk have released two useful pieces of information, the <u>coronavirus and your</u> <u>wellbeing</u> and the <u>A-Z of mental health</u>.
- Other ways you can look after your mental well-being during this time are by:
 - Continuing to do the preventative things that you can control such as washing your hands regularly, but not obsessively, throughout the day
 - Keeping busy and distracted
 - Not listening to gossip, rumours or fake news
 - Avoid watching / listening to too many updates. Only listen to official updates that will tell you the facts
 - Don't spend too much time reading what is on social media
 - Continuing to exercise once a day and eat well
 - If you feel you are becoming anxious, talk to an adult
 - Have a 'to do' list of things to keep you busy
 - Stay connected to others. Make sure you have the correct contact details for friends and family

Other useful links

YoungMinds

A charity for children and parents of children who have mental health problems. They do have a helpline for parents which is available Mon- Fri 9.30- 4 but you can communicate with them via email as well and they have a lot of links and support for parents and young people themselves https://youngminds.org.uk/

<u>facebook:</u> https://www.facebook.com/mindforbettermentalhealth

SANE

A charity providing information and support for people affected by mental health issues including wellbeing information, a support phone line 16.30- 22.30 daily, online support groups:

http://www.sane.org.uk/

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