



Friday 29th January 2021

Headteacher's Update

I would like to start with a big thank you to everyone who responded to our survey on remote learning. The details of this can be seen by following the links in the relevant section below. We are delighted that so many of you are happy with what we are doing. Your feedback is helping us to make continued and substantial improvements again. This way of working collaboratively will be of significant benefit to our students and your children until they can all safely come back into school.

You may well have heard or read that the plan is for students to begin to return to school from March 8th. This was however a very tentative date given by the Prime Minister. He said this would be determined by the situation nearer the time with regards to the spread of COVID and its affect on the NHS. In other words, March 8th is a hopeful date and not necessarily a definite one. It was also unclear if this was to be all students or just certain age groups for example. We will wait to see what is said but please rest assured we will do everything we can between now and the return date to ensure your sons and daughters get the best education possible in the circumstances.

We began our community projects on Monday of this week. We are all going to try and climb Mount Everest. At least we are all going to walk the same number of steps this week that it would take to climb Mount Everest. We will be publishing the children's stories on our website and social media if they email in the details as requested. We are also undertaking another challenge this week relating to Holocaust Memorial Day which was on Wednesday. Please see the website for details. There will be a new challenge next week and every week from now.

On Monday the whole school assembly from 11am will be on remote learning and the changes and improvements we are making to our provision based upon the feedback we have had from staff, students and parents. Please do watch it and ensure your children do as it is absolutely essential.

Please read the details in the rest of these notices and the attached documents. Stay safe and all the best until we meet again

Mr Shields

NOTICES

Remote Learning

Thank you for your feedback on our remote learning offer.

Please see the attached ["You Said...We Did"](#) document which outlines our response to your comments.

Parent / Carer Guide

Our [remote learning guide](#) for parents and carers has been updated and is available on our website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's remote learning please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

If you have any general concerns regarding your child's remote learning please contact either Mrs C Hunt (stch01@scrchs.com) or Mr D Kenny (stdk01@scrchs.com)

Remote Learning Subject Maps

Please see the Remote Learning Subject Maps on our website which outline what is being delivered to your child and the key pieces of work that your child will submit and be assessed on.

Lesson Times

Students should remote in on time for each lesson at the following times:

Session 1: 09.15 – 10.45

Break: 10.45 – 11.00

Session 2: 11.00 – 13.00 (please note a 10 minute comfort break from 11.50am-12.00)

Lunch: 13.00 – 13.40

Session 3: 13.40 – 14.40

Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 Students: Mock Examinations

The mock examinations that were scheduled to take place after February half term have had to be delayed due to the extension of the current lockdown. These examinations will take place as students return to school. All remote lessons are currently helping students prepare for these assessments. A video update has been sent to all students in (and parents of) Year 10 and Year 11 via classcharts explaining this and giving the mock schedule and other updates. Please email Mrs Hill if you have any further questions stah03@scrchs.com

Wellbeing

Please ensure your child takes regular breaks whilst working from home. It is important that they remain focussed on their learning but also have time within their day where they are off devices, can get some fresh air and enjoy some physical activity.

Please see the links below which may support you and your family during this time.



[Change for Life](#) offers easy ways to eat well and move more



YST Support for Parents

The Youth Sports Trust, including the 60 second active challenge series, to support those who still have children at home. The activities, resources and videos are designed to keep you moving, keep you learning and help support your physical, social and emotional wellbeing during lockdown.

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/coronavirus-support>



Kooth is a free, anonymous, online mental wellbeing community.

[Home - Kooth](#)

IT Support

If your child requires a laptop to enable them to work from home or if you need any IT support, please contact the IT team via the homepage on the school website , clicking on this link [IT Support](#) or calling 01706 396068.

Buses

Families who have students currently attending school will have received an email with an update of the bus schedule as of Monday 1st February. Please check the journeys as times have been amended. We have been informed that the 890 will be no longer running.

Twitter

We are now on Twitter. Please follow us on [@RcCuthberts](#) to keep up to date on all that is going on at St Cuthbert's.

