



St. George's School

A Church of England Academy

'Our vision is to be outstanding through the provision of consistent academic excellence within a caring, Christian community'
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your patience today as we digest yesterday's announcement and plan for the next 6 week period of school closures. As stated yesterday, year 11 summer exams have been confirmed as cancelled with the exception of the current spring vocational exams, which feature year 10 and 11 and will take place over the next week. In relation to Business Studies and Health & Social Care exams, due to be taken in February, we await further guidance. At this stage we expect pupils to continue with the online revision lessons for these subjects. We will update you when we receive further information from Ofqual and the DfE on how teacher led assessments and grades will be used for the summer exams.

YEAR 11

Although exams appear to be cancelled the Government has vaguely stated that teacher-led assessments would have to be used and efforts would be made to ensure grades are fair. This means that our years 11's need to continue with the new learning being set in every subject, every day. Any final grades will be determined by effort, engagement and assessment in learning up until the point of leaving in the summer. I would like to reassure you that, we as a school, will ensure that your son / daughter will not miss out on any opportunity to secure the grades that they deserve and we will work tirelessly to allow them every opportunity to recognise their efforts over the last 5 years.

HOME LEARNING

We have provided short term home learning up until Wednesday to allow time for teachers to plan the highest quality of online lessons. From Thursday we will move to our new format of home learning, all of which will be delivered through google classroom, which pupils are very familiar with. Our home learning package will be significantly different to the last lockdown in that;

- Every parent/carer will receive a set timetable for their child so they know exactly what lesson they should be completing and at what time.
- High quality lessons will be planned and uploaded daily by all teachers.
- Teachers will be delivering new content every lesson using our curriculum booklets, video clips and pre-recorded live modelling by the teacher.
- Pupils will be able to ask teachers questions through google classroom – private comments section.
- Pupils will submit - 'turn in' completed work to google classroom or complete quizzes to test learning.
- Teachers will be checking and marking the work and giving a mix of individual and whole class feedback as per school policy.
- Pupils will be contacted daily by teachers if the work is not complete.
- Parents will be notified weekly of lessons that have not been completed.

Pupils will be learning in this way for a significant period of time, so it is vital that everyone understands the home learning format. Tomorrow we will email out instructions and pre-recorded videos demonstrating how all of the above works. We will also make all this available on our new website in the Covid19 response box on the home page.

If you need support after watching the videos and reading the instructions with setting up home learning then please contact us on homelearning@cidari.co.uk . If you have issues with passwords and logging in then please email passwords@cidari.co.uk

I know from our previous experience of home learning that most pupils have access to a device which enables them to participate in the lessons. However, we do ask that if there is any pupil who does not have access to a device that you complete the google form below, a staff member will then contact you.

<https://forms.gle/7ArKNL5nnt3N7BD59>

Free school meals

Once we know more regarding the Government strategy for this we will be in touch with all those applicable. This week, the FSM parcels have been allocated as requested by families. Collection will continue as communicated separately.

WELLBEING

In addition to learning we will continue to share, via google classroom and our social media platforms, daily worship, prayer and wellbeing messages. Alternatively, if you need to speak to someone then please email pastoralteam@cidari.co.uk

FINALLY

I would like to thank you again for your kind messages of support and for all that you are doing to keep 'TEAM SG' and our school community flourishing in these challenging times.

Please keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

G Warnock

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Headteacher