

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
20:30hrs

Dear Families,

**Re: COVID-19 Update – New ways of working**

Thank you to families who have contacted us over the last couple of days to let us know how our students are doing since school was closed. There have been some lovely videos of students creating artwork, timetables that students have drawn up themselves, exercise routines and pieces of writing! Well done to all of you for being so independent and proactive!

We are currently constantly reviewing the new system of using Show My Home Work (SMHW) to set work and your feedback has been very useful. Comments ranged from families having difficulties printing the quantity of work at home to SMHW becoming overwhelming with the amount of work that is being set on a day to day basis. We are hoping to make this more streamlined by the end of the week and I will update you with plans moving forward.

Telford and Wrekin IT is currently working hard to enable us to use **Microsoft Teams** so that we can have **video conference calling for teachers to deliver lessons**. Once it is set up, teachers will be trained in how to use it and then the system will need testing. This will take time and I will update you as to where we are in terms of progress. We thank you for your patience while this is being done – it is a huge job that would normally take months to set up and test, but we are doing all that we can to do this quickly. However, we will not start working this way until we are confident that all staff are confident in its use.

In previous correspondence, we requested that **mock papers** were returned to us. Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday asking everyone to stay indoors and to only make essential trips for particular reasons, we can no longer take in the hard copies of the papers. **If your child has a mock paper, please scan it or take a photo of it and email the paper to your child's teacher.** If you do not have the email of the member of staff, please email the paper to: [main.bbs@taw.org.uk](mailto:main.bbs@taw.org.uk). Ensure you mark who the paper is for so that it can be forwarded accordingly.

It has been confirmed that if your child receives **free school meals**, the meals will be delivered to your homes again next week. I will update you on what the plans are for the weeks after that.

Thank you for your understanding and patience while we review our current processes in setting work. It is all new to us so please bear with us!

Make sure you stay indoors, keep safe and keep smiling!



Krissi Carter  
Principal



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