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Friday, 01 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are all managing to stay safe. I find it hard to believe it is the start of May already, but I hope you are all coping well with this extremely difficult situation and your children are finding plenty to do to keep them busy. I noticed last night that Boris Johnson said that he will make an announcement next week regarding the re-opening of schools, so we will wait to see how this will happen.

Home Learning

We are aware that some students are finding the list of tasks on Show My Homework a little overwhelming. It is sometimes easier to view tasks using the 'calendar' view of tasks in the first instance rather than the 'to do' list. This will help students to see tasks for the week and in chronological order, rather than a long list of tasks. Please reassure your child that if they are struggling with the volume of work, to prioritise by due date or by core subjects. If there are any concerns about the work set, teachers are happy to support with questions sent via email. If there are any issues with access to Show My Homework, please email Mrs Jones at tlj@boswells-school.com and she will be able to help.

A reminder that the DFE have signposted a new online resource, Oak National Academy. It's has a series of online lessons by year group from reception to Year 10 and it looks quite good. It is constantly being updated but it may be useful. The link to the website is [here](#).

On a similar note, the BBC have updated their Bitesize provision to include some 'Daily Lessons' and these go from Year 1 to Year 10. The link to these lessons is [here](#).

Staying Safe Online

Please continually remind your children about the need to consider their use of social media and staying safe. Please remind them of the need to follow age restrictions for downloading and using apps. Please also reinforce the need for them to protect their password and never share their login details with anyone. It is worth regularly monitoring their phone usage and the sites they are accessing. A full range of e-safety advice can be found on our website by clicking the link: <https://www.boswells-school.com/parents/online-safety.htm>

Contact Details

Please can I remind you to update your contact details via SIMS Parent, if anything has changed during lockdown.

Contacting Us

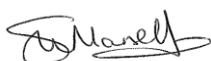
Just a reminder that the best way to contact us whilst the school is closed is via the school email account (admin@boswells-school.com). You should expect receive a response within 2 school days, but if your queries are urgent, we are trying to deal with them as soon as we can. Please do not leave messages on the school's voicemail as these are only being picked up on a weekly basis.

In School Provision

Over the past 6 weeks, we have had a very small number of students that have been attending school, supervised by our staff. The school will continue to provide supervision for these students until it re-opens. Please remember, the provision is for our most vulnerable students, students on an EHCP or students of parents who are key workers and have no other form of childcare. If you need your child to attend this provision and they fit this criteria, please email me directly on sma@boswells-school.com or you can inform your child's Head of Year or our SENDCO, Mrs Thorne on atn@boswells-school.com for children on an EHCP. We are also currently ascertaining from parents of students who are regularly attending the provision whether they would like us to open on Bank Holiday Friday next week (**8th May**). My thanks to all of you for your understanding at this time as we try our best to keep everyone safe.

Finally, I wish you and your families a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Mansell

