

1st May 2020

The
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

Home Learning

I hope you and your families are keeping well and thank you for your support in encouraging your child to embrace the home learning. Please find attached an overview of the home learning being provided by each subject in your child's year group. I hope you and your child find this useful when discussing the learning your child is undertaking, to see what is available in each subject and to ensure they are engaging with a variety of subjects and a variety of tasks.

Our number one priority remains to keep students safe and as happy as possible. At the moment, staying at home is the best way for students to stay safe. I believe that by continuing to have some sort of a routine and by continuing to get some satisfaction from learning, contributes to students staying as happy as possible.

We have asked students to try to create a plan for each day and to stick to their usual timetable, where possible, by engaging with the home learning tasks provided. If they have difficulties, their teachers are able to help. Students are expected to work for 2-3 hours a day, with lessons taking 20–40 minutes to complete. We know that working independently at home is quite different to school. We just ask students to give it their best and be proud of what they achieve. Staying safe and happy are the priority.

Emergency Child Care Provision - including May Bank Holiday (8th May 2020) arrangements

Thank you once more to the very small number of parents/carers who have communicated with us regarding the emergency child care provision for next week. Government advice remains that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Please note that we are no longer able to provide lunch in school, therefore, please send your child with a packed lunch. **To help with our planning, please email admin@leftwichhigh.com, if they/you fulfil the following criteria and your child can't safely stay at home next week:**

- you are a critical worker (as per the definition in the link below)
- they are a vulnerable child (supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including Child in Need plans, on Child Protection plans, Looked After children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans).

[gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)



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At present, we are **not** planning to open on the May Bank Holiday (8th May), however, please contact admin@leftwichhigh.com if you need to use the emergency child care provision on this date and we will facilitate this.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We are continuing to provide vouchers for parents/carers of students who receive Free School Meals via the Government scheme. We are aware of continued difficulties accessing these and have again forwarded our concerns to the company issuing the vouchers. Please contact jsimms@leftwichhigh.com for support.

Year 6 Students Joining The County High School, Leftwich in September

Next week we will be sending a further communication to families of Year 6 students who will be joining us in September, explaining how to order the school uniform. At the County High School Leftwich, we believe uniform helps instil in students a sense of pride in their school, contributing to the learning culture. We have three expectations of our students:

- Be ready to learn
- Be respectful and safe
- Embrace Opportunities

When we return to school, by being dressed correctly and following our guidelines, students are demonstrating that they are ready to learn.

Coronavirus Guidance and Support Webpage

Please continue to visit our Coronavirus support and guidance page on our website. The page brings together all the communication we have sent out, links to support, including mental health and well-being and online safety guidance. The page also includes many of the fantastic resources Year Leaders have been forwarding to students, encouraging them to stay positive, continue with learning, be active and look after themselves and each other.

www.leftwichhigh.com/news/news_coronavirus_guidance_support_2020.html. Please also follow us on Twitter - @leftwichhigh, where we share updates, information and provide an insight as to what being part of The County High School, Leftwich community is all about.

Please continue to look yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson



Principal