

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

As we come to the end of our second difficult week of school closure, we want to write to touch base with you about how everything is going.

We are very pleased with the vast majority of students who have simply just got on with it and are doing as much of their online working as possible and, most importantly, keeping in touch with their teachers daily. This is so vital to keep some semblance of normality and structure and promote strong mental health in what is an extraordinarily difficult time.

We are encouraging students to complete the work set each day and where possible to do this following the school timetable. We are giving this advice to try to provide structure for the students at this difficult time. However, we are aware that sometimes this can be difficult to follow, for example due to demands on the family computer when both parents and children are working from home, and will therefore need to be flexible to individual needs. We have really appreciated your constructive feedback so far and understand that some of the work that has been set for a lesson is taking the students much longer than 60 minutes. Teachers are constantly reviewing what has been set and we are trying not to overburden the students.

Year leaders and Deputy Year Leaders and Tutors will be trying to call you about your child's work and other matters, and as these calls are from their personal mobiles, they will withhold their number. We appreciate it is often tempting not to answer withheld number calls, but during this unusual time could we ask that you do. Wherever possible, staff will leave a message if you are unable to answer.

To further support you and your child we will be sending a weekly parent/student bulletin which will detail the work set for each subject for the coming week. It will also include a Thought for the Week as well as message from each Year Leader. Please ensure you read the bulletin and find time to talk through it with your son/daughter.

Once again that you for your continued support, we are in daily contact with the Department of Education and as soon as we get permission to re-open, I can assure you we will do so. And, of course, I know you will join me in thanking all the wonderful DWHS staff for their outstanding efforts in supporting everyone.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
Headteacher



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