

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your family are well. We appreciate what a challenging and difficult situation we are all in and wanted to write to update you on some of the support available through school, as well as share with you how we continue to support your child's learning.

Your child's coach will have been in touch with you and will continue to be the first point of contact should you have any queries or concerns over the coming weeks.

Your child should have received their first work pack and have already started to complete some or all of the work. The second pack should be with you in the post over the next coming days. These printed learning resources will enable them to complete a wide range of activities across the range of subjects. Please ensure the school has your correct address if it has changed recently. Your child can also access eLearning resources and links to suitable websites and revision materials on our website at [www.carrmanor.org.uk](http://www.carrmanor.org.uk). There will be tutorials and tasks uploaded to the website in the coming days and weeks which will enable pupils to continue to make progress and receive feedback from their teachers.

Your child should be engaging with some learning every week day if they are fit and healthy to do so. We recognise that it is not possible to replicate the school day at home and we also recognise that this is a stressful time for families. Activities such as cooking together, reading, playing board games, doing household chores, exercising together are valuable and important activities that will support each other whilst coping with this new and unusual arrangement.

Y10 pupils need to ensure that they are keeping up with their courses. Although we are not in school now, they will be examined as normal next year. The accelerated courses studied by Y10 currently may not be accredited this year by the Government and therefore the pupils would need to sit the courses at a later date and so it is essential that they keep working hard on these subjects. This year group worked very well in recent mocks and must maintain this even in these circumstances.

For Y11 pupils, we are waiting for and tracking closely announcements by the Government and examination boards as to how the grades will be accredited this summer. We will of course keep you informed with any developments as and when they are made clear to us.

Spring term's progress reports will be posted to you shortly so that you are able to discuss these with your child and reflect on their past progress and how they can set personal targets moving forward. There will be a Coaching Chronicle posted home to all families. Your child will be able to explain how we use the Chronicle at school, and this new Chronicle at Home offers the opportunity for children to engage with our school community and celebrate successes together whilst also offering some puzzles and activities to do at home. Please keep your coach informed of any news that we could feature in future editions.

We would encourage pupils to connect with their friends with phone calls and face-to-face digital platforms. It is important that they do not meet up with their friends and that they maintain social distancing. Sticking effectively to the guidelines will hopefully shorten the length of time we are all out of our usual routine.

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If your child qualifies for a free school meal, you should have had the offer to select a meal delivery over the past two weeks; please contact school if this has not been the case. We are now looking into the Government's, soon to be rolled out, voucher scheme and we will be contacting you directly to let you know the various options.

We are very aware of the challenges faced as individuals and families and we are committed to supporting you and our school community throughout this unprecedented time.

We will also be making stationery, reading books and board games available for families if these are required. Please contact your child's coach if you would like to access any of the resources outlined and please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any other concerns. We are currently working in partnership with several organisations across the city who can provide support and guidance for families struggling at this time.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all that you are doing at this time. Your messages of support and feedback on the activities and progress you child is making are much appreciated and we feel proud of our school community and our values that are holding strong even in these most challenging of times.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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