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Update for Parents: 24/4/2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

At the end of week one of the summer term. I write to you full of pride as to what we have all achieved. We set out to re-launch childrens' remote learning and to increase the opportunities to share positive contributions that might allow us to bring a smile to each others faces in these difficult times. My Headteacher's message and Mr Ward's five minute challenges have been embraced across all year groups. Thank you to you and your children for your positive comments and kind words of support. Please feel free to join in with the challenges at any time.

The Academy Governor Committee met remotely this week to discuss the latest updates and progress that is being made in school. This committee is made up of myself, parents, a teacher, community members, directors and people representing local businesses. I am pleased to report that they were all delighted with the way that Childwall Sports and Science Academy is continuing to operate as a functioning school to some and a virtual school to others and they have asked that I pass on their thanks to all parents and carers for your support and engagement at this very unusual time.

General Updates:

1. We remain open to vulnerable students and to children of key workers
2. We have no plans to reopen fully at this moment in time. We will work as part of the Lydiate Learning Trust to prepare our reintegration to school, as and when we are given guidance by the government
3. We expect all students to be engaged with our remote learning platforms. Many of you will have received a 'check in ' phone call from my colleagues this week to discuss whether you are able to access all of our learning platforms and to help eradicate any barriers that may be presented. Once again I urge you to contact school if you are having any problems. All our staff are here to help.
*Mrs Kaye has sent guidance to all students in different year groups, with regard to how much time should be spent on subject specific learning each day. This can also be found on the school website.
4. We expect all students to open up their emails at 9.00am to read my message for the day. We also would like them to engage in Mr Ward's challenge and to view our 15 minute exercise guide. It is important that they try new things, have some fun and feel valued during this time of uncertainty for them.
5. Follow Childwall on Twitter and celebrate the good things that are coming out of a bad situation with us. **@Childwall_acad**
6. ***PLEASE NOTE:** Teachers of students in **Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13** are now working on collating all the evidence required to formulate your child's final GCSE, A LEVEL, or BTEC grades. The reports sent home over the Easter period were based upon the PPE/Mock Exams that students sat early in March, before school closure. They do not reflect the grade your child will attain in August. In recent weeks, I have posted two letters that have shared the detail of how these grades will be calculated, with guidance from OFQUAL. If your child has not completed any pieces of coursework that is required they will not be fulfilling their potential and staff will have no option but to submit grades lower than we expected. Please talk to your child and check that they have completed everything their

teacher has asked them to. Teachers with concerns are emailing and telephoning daily. If you are unsure, please contact Miss Tomlinson or Mr Rietdyk by email.

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Free School Meals Update:

All families should now be receiving their Free School Meals vouchers from the government. These will be arriving directly to people with email addresses that have been shared with school or in the post for those without electronic access. Please ring reception if you are experiencing any difficulty.

Information from the government:

StarLine home learning helpline:

[StarLine](#) – a new home learning telephone helpline - is now live to support parents and carers nationwide.

A group of partners including David Ross Education Trust, Freshworks, Future Academies, Inspiration Trust, Mumsnet, Oak National Academy, PLMR, StarAcademies, Triple P Positive Parenting Program and United Learning have come together to create and deliver StarLine. Each partner has pledged their people, expertise and resources to support StarLine. This initiative is supported and welcomed by CST and also by the DfE.

StarLine will help parents and carers in the following ways:

- By providing access to a team of qualified teachers, education and parenting experts.
- By focussing on providing practical ideas, support and reassurance.
- By offering tips, techniques and resources to enable parents to give their children the support they need to continue learning while schools are closed.
- By supporting family wellbeing and mental health.
- By covering all phases of education and subjects plus behaviour, pupil wellbeing and SEND.

StarLine is available to parents and carers of pupils from all schools nationwide. Free, confidential advice is available six days a week by phoning the StarLine team on [0330 313 9162](tel:03303139162). For more information, visit www.starline.org.uk or follow [@StarLineSupport](https://twitter.com/StarLineSupport) on Twitter.

The team behind StarLine will also be broadcasting a weekly programme on YouTube. In each episode of StarLive, a guest presenter will share practical ideas for home learning. Further details can be found on the StarLine website.

I hope you are all managing to stay happy and healthy during this extended lock down period.

Stay safe,



Ms Vincent

Headteacher



