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Update for Parents: 9/4/2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this first Easter week, I thought I would update you on all events at Childwall Sports and Science Academy.

I am pleased to see that most of our students and staff are taking a well-earned rest this week from remote learning and I am delighted that some of our students are sending and sharing the fantastic work they have completed at home. Well done to all of them!

I hope you are following our positive news stories on social media. The Lydiate Learning Trust visor team have continued to manufacture PPE all week, making over 1200 visors for people from all over Merseyside who have requested them. The selfless hard work of Mr Fitzsimmons and the team have supported many people working on the front line: NHS doctors, nurses, police officers, paramedics and social care workers for all ages. To say that we are proud of our contribution at this difficult time would be an understatement. Please follow the links on Twitter and Facebook to show your appreciation. Staff have even been in school over the weekend to ensure they can make as much equipment as possible. The link below will allow you to hear the recent radio interview about this good work.

Radio City Talk.mov

There are more good news stories on our Twitter account: https://twitter.com/Childwall_acad and Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ChildwallAcademy/ including our very own Mr Tyrer who has been dressing as Spiderman on his daily walk to brighten up the day for children who are stuck indoors. This was featured in the Liverpool Echo and you can read about this here: Liverpoolecho.co.uk/Spiderman

School closures and media rumours

There have been a number of calls and emails from people concerned about rumours that schools will reopen after Easter. When he announced the lock down, the Prime Minister said that he would review the situation in three weeks. Ministers will meet today to discuss the lockdown.

The DFE has confirmed in a <u>public statement</u> that: "Schools will remain closed until further notice, except for children of critical workers and the children who are most vulnerable. We will re-open schools when the scientific advice indicates it is safe to do so."

The DfE also tweeted this last night:

"I very much doubt (and would advise against) full reopening of schools at any point. When we are in a position to re-engage schools (and no one knows that yet), I expect it will be on a phased return, following scientific and medical guidance"

I urge you not to act upon any rumours. We will keep you informed of any change as and when they arise.

Next week:

We continue to remain open from Tuesday 14th April 2020 – Friday 17th, as relayed in my previous correspondence. We then expect full engagement from everyone in all things remote on Monday 20th April.

I hope to start the new term with a Headteacher's message and Mr Ward will be introducing his very own daily 9.00am five minute challenge. Personal development think-points will be available for us all to consider and reflect upon and of course, we get back to our learning from our different subject areas. There will be new learning available on line, so please ensure that your child accesses the resources for at least a few hours a day, every day whilst the majority of us are out of school. We will send you updated guidance for the $20^{\rm th}$ April.

We have received some <u>online safety advice</u> for parents and carers from Merseyside Police. Please familiarise yourselves with this information and share with your children. We must ensure that we are safe in all of our interactions at this difficult time.

Free School Meals:

Many thanks to parents and the staff that worked tirelessly to register our free school meal families for the Government £15 vouchers. Unsurprisingly, demand has been high across the country which has resulted in a delay in the government issuing the appropriate codes. Rest assured we will do everything we can to ensure that you have your vouchers as soon as possible.

Happy Easter to you all. I hope you can enjoy some quality family time over the weekend.

Please stay safe and follow the government guidelines.

Ms Vincent

Headteacher

