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COVID-19 Update: 3/4/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this correspondence finds you all well. I am acutely aware that many of us will now be experiencing the effects of COVID-19 in person and want you to know that our thoughts and best wishes are with you all every day. Please contact school if we can help in any way.

CSSA update:

I am pleased to report that Childwall Sports and Science Academy has continued with our good work this week and this will carry on for as long as possible. The commitment of our body of staff has been unwavering. Staff in all roles still venture out of their homes, leaving their own families, to provide a familiar face, safety, food and a clean environment for our children and in addition to this, teaching staff are working around the clock to ensure that work is available on line, or in hard format for all students to engage positively and continue their learning. Staff are giving a great deal of their time to keep lines of communication open to enable them to feedback on learning as live as possible. Please ensure that your child is accessing what is provided for them to ensure that they continue to make the best possible progress in these uncertain and challenging times.

With this in mind, I urge you to continue to send your kind and positive messages of support, along with photographs of the good work your children are supporting you with at home. Please clap for **all** key workers on Thursday evenings at 8pm. Just one thank you keeps us all going.

Arrangements for Easter:

1) School:

We will continue to offer an educational provision for our vulnerable students and the children of Key Workers over the Easter holidays. (*Except for Bank Holiday – Good Friday 10/4 and Easter Monday 13/4.) Arrangements within the school day will remain the same with teams of staff present to teach their subject and access online learning on their designated duty day.

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2) Remote Learning:

In the interests of wellbeing; I feel that it is important for both staff and students to have some form of a break after this very intense few weeks. Therefore, I am requesting that on line liaison ceases for most of the Easter holiday period. Staff will be available to respond to comments and queries on their designated duty days only between **Monday 6th and Friday 24th April**. There will be a timetable of staff teams available for viewing on the school website from Monday 6th April 2020. **Please be aware that this timetable is subject to change in the event that staff may become unwell and not able to attend or respond. Please do not hesitate to contact reception if you have had a change in circumstances or require any further support.*

Free School Meals:

Childwall Sports and Science Academy is currently following the citywide plans for the provision of vouchers should you require them. This will change to the government scheme after Easter. Please ensure that you claim what is rightfully yours. Ensure that we have your correct details on our school systems and/or register online at your One-Stop Shop if your financial circumstances have changed due to the recent lockdown and surge in unemployment. If you need assistance in this matter do not hesitate to contact school and we will support you.

Finally, I encourage you to follow us on Twitter (<u>@Childwall_acad</u>) and Facebook (<u>@ChildwallAcademy</u>) to view the positive news stories that Childwall has to offer at this difficult time. This week we have our very own community Spiderman, (Mr Tyrer) and all Lydiate Learning Trust schools have pooled resources together to design and make visors for our local NHS staff.

Stay safe and healthy,

Yours sincerely,

Ms J E Vincent Headteacher

