

Dear Parents/carers,

Covid-19 daily update (Issue 7 – Sunday 22nd March 2020 – 5.30pm)



Apologies for the communication on a Sunday, however there are a few things to send through to you in advance of tomorrow.

Phase 1: The next two weeks

We start Phase 1 of delivering online learning from tomorrow morning. All students should follow their normal timetable day for Monday, using Google Classroom to log in and join their classes throughout the day. They should also keep an eye on their e-mail account for any other messages.

We do appreciate that this will be challenging, especially for younger students. Please encourage them to take a break between lessons (you may not need to encourage them that much!), and have morning break and lunchtime as usual.

For lower school students there will be NO HOME BASED LEARNING set for now. We think they will have more than enough to do during the timetabled lessons. Year 10 and 12 may have some HBL, but this will depend upon the need for this. Staff are well-aware of the significant challenges of working remotely and will endeavour to restrict any additional work as far as possible.

Emotional and physical well-being

In final assemblies, we emphasised how important it will be to look after emotional and physical health over the coming months. We gave some ideas on this such as:

- Learning an instrument
- Improving their cooking and baking (if they have ingredients)
- Reading for pleasure
- Playing board games – chess is a good one for the brain!
- Taking up a new hobby
- Etc etc etc

For fitness, the on-line PE lessons will have some interesting things to help maintain fitness.

This is an area we will continue to review and would welcome any feedback that you may have on this. Please e-mail admin@sandringham.herts.sch.uk if you have something to share.

Examination Grades - GCSE and A-level

There has been an update regarding examination grades, and the newsletter tomorrow will contain as much information as we have by then on how these will work.

Students and staff working at school

There are a small number of key-worker children and those from vulnerable groups who will be working in school from tomorrow. They will follow the same on-line lessons as everyone else and be supervised by some senior staff.

There will be a rota of caretaking and cleaning staff working at the school throughout this period of closure, and senior staff will be on a rota for being on site – but keeping a safe distance from everyone else! I plan to work on site each day and will gather as much information as possible to communicate with you and keep things moving forward.

The main switch board will not be supervised so the best way to communicate is via e-mail.

With best wishes

Alan Gray