

Bulletin for Families

Monday 23 March 2020

I write to bring you the latest information on how to ensure that you and your children are keeping healthy and well during this period of uncertainty. As per the guidance from the government the school remains open for the children of Key Workers and those whom are vulnerable in anyway. In addition to this there are staff in school each day who are contactable by phone if you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns you wish to discuss. The aim of this bulletin is to inform you of the possible risks to children being out of school for long periods of time and share support options that are available.

We recognise that being isolated within the home for long periods of time can increase anxiety and mental health issues. Please use this link to a wide range of resources that can help to support with that.

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/1960/coronavirus-mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources.pdf>

Risky and antisocial behaviour may increase as young people are being told they are not at risk of being seriously affected by coronavirus. They may leave their house due to boredom and continue to gather in social spaces where they are at risk of transmitting the virus. In some cases this may lead to students becoming involved in risky behaviours that we should look to discourage. Craig Pinkney (Criminologist) took part in a File on 4 programme called 'Taking the Rap'. The programme discusses a series of fatal incidents in North London between Tottenham vs Wood Green where Pinkney identifies the link between social media, music and street violence. You can hear 'Taking the Rap' on BBC Sounds here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000fw2>

School will continue to provide vouchers for those students in receipt of Free School Meals and we know that all local food banks are working their hardest to support the local community as well.

As ever if you have any safeguarding concerns or you'd like some advice please contact the school if we can help or for emergencies the police or ambulance service.

With very best wishes,

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