

Wednesday 1 April 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I really hope that you are all keeping well and sane! At the start of the school closure I encouraged teachers to keep students 'on task'. I thought that pupils needed to be kept in a routine and busy; I know some pupils have been over whelmed with the amount of work.

The most important thing at this time is for your family to get through this difficult time. It is not a typical time nor is it something that we would have ever anticipated that we would be dealing with. I would encourage you to take this time as an opportunity to set your own routine that works for your family.

### **Work Load**

Every child is different, if there is too much work being set and the work is causing stress in your house please leave it and tell your form teacher. On line learning has its own problems and we are all on a steep learning curve. Do things together that you enjoy. If the phones are put away during school hours that would be brilliant.

I hope that Show My Homework is useful and a good way of letting teachers know how things are going for you.

### **Exams**

We have not been informed of the arrangements for Yr 11 to 14 for deciding results. The exam board for the majority of subjects is CCEA who have stated, "We want to reassure students waiting for this information that we are doing everything we can to make sure they are not disadvantaged by these unprecedented circumstances."

I would encourage senior students taking exams to complete work set by their teachers who will have to use all the information they have to ensure a fair grade is awarded.

As a school community we are here to help you and your children through this time, please contact us if you are worried about your child.

### **Easter**

Is still a holiday time and that means for junior pupils put the books away and have a break!

Hoping that you and yours keep safe and well.

Angela Passmore