

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today marks the start of the summer term and we find ourselves in an unprecedented situation with schools remaining closed for at least three more weeks. I am aware there are families that have been affected by the virus and our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do to help.

There has been a National effort to support schools in providing resources for online learning. Three new sets of resources have been launched. We will continue to use Show My Homework to set work but our teachers will be reviewing these new resources and making appropriate recommendations. You may wish to view the new resources yourself and so the links are shown below:

Department for Education Resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

BBC Educational programmes and bitesize resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn9447h>

Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/>

The school has remained open for Key Worker children and those with specific vulnerabilities, the advice remains that **children should stay at home unless you have no alternative**. The school had a small number of students in over the Easter break, I know this proved a valuable service for some families and I'm grateful to the staff that made this work and for the kind messages of thanks we have received from families. Families with no alternative, who need a place in school, should contact us with copies of their Key Worker letter supplied by their employer.

We have issued vouchers to those families who receive free school meals. If you have any difficulty in accessing this facility please contact us immediately.

Yesterday the Education Secretary announced a scheme to loan laptops to Year 10 students who do not have computer access at home. We will be contacting those students eligible for the scheme shortly.

Remaining in lockdown is challenging for us all, I appreciate home education can be difficult and we will endeavour to provide the best possible resources to support you. As you would expect we have only a very small number of staff in school during this closure period, reception therefore remains closed. All enquiries should be made via email to office@stclementshigh.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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