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Dear parents / carers

I trust this letter finds you safe and well. This update is to inform you of your child's learning as we move into the summer term. As I'm sure you know, there has been significant disruption to the way we conduct our lives over the last few weeks and we now know current restrictions are in place for at least another three weeks. This situation is ever changing and we are continually adjusting and adapting our practices to ensure your child continues to receive a high quality education.

### **Expectations whilst learning at home**

Being a parent myself, I fully understand the difficulties of juggling working from home whilst educating children. With these challenges in mind, we have taken the decision to publish a timetable to encourage children to get into healthy routines independently and to help structure their day. The sessions have been divided into around 45 minute chunks and can be completed at a time that is convenient for you and your family.

Work will continue to be set on Classcharts. This will be set each Monday and be available throughout the week to enable flexibility of when the tasks are completed. Where subjects have multiple sessions they will be labelled accordingly (eg Maths – Week 1 – Session 1). We believe that this will enable children and parents to work at a pace suitable for them and complete the activities around others who are also at home. We are asking that work is completed by 15:00 each Friday and then staff will provide feedback during the following week. If at any point you need clarification of tasks etc, please continue to email the year group email address eg [year8@warblingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:year8@warblingtonschool.co.uk)

The work being set may be different to the curriculum students would have followed in school. This is to ensure what is being learnt is achievable for all. We will then adapt the in school curriculum once students are safely back in school, to ensure all key areas and concepts are covered.

### **Quality of Work**

Despite the change of working environment, we are still expecting your children to produce high quality work and not just 'get it done'. If you discuss the work with them, it will encourage them and help them understand the work they are completing. We appreciate any support you can offer your children whilst completing this learning. You will find that where presentations are being used, there may be notes attached or some staff are recording audio over the presentations to explain the concepts. Class feedback sheets will also be used and uploaded so that students can reflect on their work and ensure they don't make similar mistakes in future work. If at any point technology becomes an issue, please contact [ICThelp@warblingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:ICThelp@warblingtonschool.co.uk).

We have been encouraged by the number of students who have sent work back via Classcharts and we will continue to use this as a way of communicating between class teacher and student. Although work can be completed on the set Microsoft Office document, it can also be a handwritten piece of work that can be photographed and uploaded to Classcharts. There is not a necessity to print out every page and complete on the sheet.

## Work Packs

If technology continues to be an issue and you require a work pack, please email [admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk) with the Subject: WORK PACK. Please ensure your email contains the name of the child and year group you require a pack for. We are aiming to have these ready for the Monday of each week, however with it being the Easter break, we are aiming for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> on this occasion. The workpacks will be printouts of the work set to ensure all children are accessing the same work and therefore are all at the same points upon returning. These will be available to collect from reception, however if you are unable to get to the school, please let us know in that email and we will make alternative arrangements. Completed tasks can be handed in when the new work pack is collected.

## Staying Safe

We recognise the importance of mental and physical wellbeing at these unprecedented times. Should you or your child have any concerns, please feel free to contact us at [keepintouch@warblingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:keepintouch@warblingtonschool.co.uk).

Please see below a list of support agencies who you may find helpful at this difficult time:

- Step Change (Debt/Benefits/Finance) 0800138111
- Two Saints (Housing)- 02392 477863
- The Bridge Advice Centre (Debt/Benefits/Financial help) 02392 468835
- Citizen's Advice (Benefits/work/housing/Law and courts/Health) 03444111444 or text 03444111445. The webpage also offers chat lines.
- Off the Record (Counselling for students) 07709 552130
- MIND (Mental Health) 0300123 3393
- Italk (Mental Health) 023 8038 3920
- SDAS (Domestic Abuse) 02392 480246
- Samaritans (Someone to talk to if you are finding it hard to cope) 116 123 (Free day or night)
- Young Carers 023 92785111 / 07709552130 / 07923400250

Most of these agencies also have very helpful websites.

If you need support to contact these agencies- or if you have any additional, concerns - please contact: [l.copeman@warblingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:l.copeman@warblingtonschool.co.uk)

**And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).**

Finally, can I thank you for your positive messages regarding our work packs over Easter, our 'Clap for Carers' video and for supporting your child through this time. Your support is always appreciated.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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