

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are well, as this lockdown period continues.

From Monday 15th June we are inviting back our Y10 & 12 students. Mr Ramsland and Mrs Dawson have written to parents with invitations to our mentoring and subject specific support programme.

I want to share some important information with all parents/carers and students about safety. These measures are to ensure we are keeping our staff and students' safe at all times.

1. **Visitors to the school are by appointment only.** If you need to come in to the school to talk about anything, i.e. Vouchers, books, please call and make an appointment. Please continue to call or message the school if you require support.
2. **Masks** - Students are advised to wear a mask if you are travelling on public transport. We are also allowing students to wear an appropriate mask in school if they wish.
3. **Gloves** - All visitors, including students will be asked to remove gloves as they enter the main gate. The reason for this is to control the potential risk of contamination entering the school. On entrance to the school site students will be asked to remove any type of gloves at the school gate and deposit used gloves in a secure bin. If students want to wear gloves on the journey home, they have to bring a spare pair of fresh gloves.
4. **Hand sanitising** - Government guidance still confirms that regularly washing hands is the key measure to prevent the spread of the virus therefore we have hand sanitising stations at the entrance and exit of the school building. Students will also have access to hand sanitiser outside each toilet and in classrooms.
5. **One-way System** - We have introduced a one-way system to ensure 2 metre social distancing is maintained. Please ensure you follow the one-way system, which is clearly signed throughout the school.
6. **Uniform** – please wear full uniform apart from your blazer. We advise you wash the uniform after having visited the school.

What can we do to help ensure safety when travelling to school?

Where possible ensure your child walks, cycles or is dropped to school in a car, rather than using public transport. Ensure your child arrives on time for their slot and doesn't travel to or from school with friends. If your child or someone at home has symptoms of coronavirus do not send them to school. If your child has symptoms they should self-isolate for 7 days and not come to school. If someone else in the household has symptoms, everyone else should self-isolate for 14 days and so your child should not come to school.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time and we look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school.



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Online Learning: DWHS - Your Learning Schedule

Next week, 15th June is a pause week allowing your son/daughter to catch up on any work from previous weeks.
[Click here to access all the DWHS Learning Schedule.](#)

Support with learning resources

Some of you have asked for exercise books to record or write some responses. Whilst we are encouraging the use of online submissions, we are more than happy to provide any students with exercise books if they so wish. If your child needs an exercise book, then please request by completing the online form [click here](#).

Free School Meals

Any family whose financial situation may have recently changed due to the events caused by the COVID -19 outbreak please contact the school and we can provide you with support in applying for Free School Meals. Please check the school website to check if your child is eligible [click here](#) for more information. If you require further support with this matter, please complete the [online form](#) stating you specifically need support with the FSM application.

Keyworkers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government

Presently the school remains open for all children of Key Workers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government. If you fall under this category and require a place for your son or daughter, please contact us by completing this form: [Click here](#)

Where to turn to for help

It's okay to not be okay. We all need someone to talk to sometimes. If you feel overwhelmed, at risk of abuse or experiencing financial need, there are people you can call on for support.

Organisation	Contact details
CALM - If you identify as male, call the campaign against living miserably Available 5pm–midnight every day	Telephone 0800 58 58 58
Helplines partnership , directory of UK helplines	www.helplines.org/helplines/ (link is external)
Kooth - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Available Monday - Friday, 12pm – 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 6 - 10pm	www.kooth.com (link is external)
Mind - Call, text or email for signposting to support in your area	Telephone 0300 123 3393 Text 86463 Email info@mind.org.uk (link sends e-mail)



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<p>Papyrus - Under 35 and struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling. Open weekdays 10am-10pm, weekends and bank holidays 2-10pm</p>	<p>Telephone 0800 068 4141 Text 07786 209 697 Email pat@papyrus-uk.org(link sends e-mail)</p>
<p>Samaritans - To talk about anything that is upsetting you Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year</p>	<p>116 123 (free from any phone) Email jo@samaritans.org(link sends e-mail)</p>
<p>SANEline - If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else. Available 4.30pm–10.30pm every day</p>	<p>Telephone 0300 304 7000</p>
<p>Shout - In a crisis? Anxious? Worried? Stressed?</p>	<p>Text 'shout' for 24/7 text service support 85258</p>
<p>Somali Helpline Advice, family support, counselling, information and signposting Available Monday-Friday 4-9 pm</p>	<p>0800 542 6855</p>
<p>Switchboard - If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you can call Switchboard, open 10am–10pm every day. Phone operators all identify as LGBT+</p>	<p>Telephone 0300 330 0630 Email chris@switchboard.lgbt(link sends e-mail) Webchat https://switchboard.lgbt/help/(link is external)</p>
<p>The Mix (under 25) open Sunday-Friday 2pm–11pm</p>	<p>Telephone 0808 808 4994 Webchat www.themix.org.uk</p>

We want to continue to work closely with all our students and their families. In this very different time we have found strength in working together. Please do stay safe and take care. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
 Headteacher



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