

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many of our young people come to school this week to pick up resources such as exercise books and library books to support their online learning. As we have said right from the beginning of our remote learning strategy – “the building might be closed – learning is not!”.

You will have heard a lot in the media about Yr11 & Y13 exams, there is talk of ‘mini exams’ linked to teacher assessments. The Department of Education are completing a three-week consultation and have promised to share the final decision regarding exams by mid-February. Remember the work your son/daughter completes during the school closure is more important than ever! If you would like to have your voice heard and be part of the exam consultation [click here to complete the consultation.](#)

Staff and student wellbeing

Students are following their timetable each day and it is important they also follow the break and lunchtimes. Please encourage your son/daughter during these times to take time away from the screen and to ensure that during these opportunities they are either resting, eating a healthy varied diet and are hydrated, don’t forget to also do some exercise. Why not take part in the DWHS PE 1K challenge!

Our staff are trying very hard to support all the students by responding to messages or queries on Teams. It is important for students and staff to manage their wellbeing. To support this, I have asked staff not to respond to message outside of working hours however students can expect to have a response by the end of the next working day.

Re-opening of Schools

The Secretary of Education has written to schools to confirm that he will update us and you as parents ahead of the February half term any decisions regarding a re-opening. I will continue to keep you updated of any changes as soon as I am made aware.

Parental Voice

Parents play a vital role in their children’s education and we have been delighted to hear that many of you are becoming increasingly more involved in your child’s education helping them with lessons and assessments and spending time supporting them. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support which we always value. Please complete the parental voice survey using the link below. This will further enable us to offer further support if necessary.

[Parental Survey](#)



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I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to ensure your son/daughter:

- Is following the school timetable and accessing their lessons each day.
- Their daily routine should include waking at the normal school time and going to bed at a reasonable hour.
- Takes a regular break and lunch as per the school timetable.
- Is reading for 20 mins a day.

Once again thank you for your continued support, we are in daily contact with the Department of Education and as soon as we get permission to re-open, I can assure you we will do so. And, of course, I know you will join me in thanking all the wonderful DWHS staff for their outstanding efforts in supporting everyone.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
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