

# 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.

I had hoped to be in a more informed position by now to share with you our plans for the re-opening of the school, specifically for Years 10 and 12. We at DWHS are looking forward to offering face-to-face support to supplement the virtual learning that our students have been receiving while working from home. Unfortunately, this is not the case as we still await guidance from the government regarding exact dates but rest assured we are working here every day to ensure that you and your family can safely return to school when we receive the green light to do so.

Even though we are very keen to re-open we will only do so when we are **confident** that this can happen safely. As more information becomes available in the coming weeks we will let you know what this means for Y10 & Y12 and how we intend to proceed.

In the meantime, our status remains the same – our school is open only for those children of Critical Workers who need to be cared for while their parent(s) are at work and for those children deemed to require additional support. As soon as I receive further updates from the government, I will inform you in writing.

[Click here to read a letter to parents from Councillor Julian Bell](#)

We would also like to get some feedback from parents. Please complete the parent survey by clicking the link below:

### Parent Survey

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TbErtABC\\_Uiw-mLsdLmz8ftlM7zi2vVEgwYNGvzgCJJUN1dUUERGMDNBNSlgzSUG4MUMyTTEzNTVKMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TbErtABC_Uiw-mLsdLmz8ftlM7zi2vVEgwYNGvzgCJJUN1dUUERGMDNBNSlgzSUG4MUMyTTEzNTVKMC4u)

Thank you for your patience and support during this time.

### Year 13 Book returns

Y13 will be invited to return their books to the school during half term. You will have received an email from Mrs Dawson providing you with an allocated time to return the books. Please ensure you are punctual as the book return schedule has been designed around social distancing guidelines and therefore you can only enter the school during your designated time slot.

### Online Learning: DWHS - Your Learning Schedule

Next week, 25<sup>th</sup> May is half term and an opportunity for students to relax a little or use the time to revise for their exam week.



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Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June will be exam week for Year 7 & 8. [Click here for the timetable.](#)

Click here for the [Learning Schedule for w/b 1<sup>st</sup> June](#) . Teachers will publish subject exams via Teams. Some of you have requested hard copies of the exam papers and these have been sent directly to your homes.

To support your revision please access the Learning Schedules from the last three weeks by clicking the links below:

- [Week 1 Your Learning Schedule](#)
- [Week 2 Your Learning Schedule](#)
- [Week 3 Your Learning Schedule](#)

Remember you can use the [DWHS YouTube Channel](#) to support you in using Teams.

Please click the link to visit the channel where you will find video tutorials to inform you and your child in how to make the best use of our online learning environment.

### Tutor calls

As it is half term you will not be receiving any tutor calls. These will resume on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

### 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.



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Organisation	Contact details
<b>CALM</b> - If you identify as male, call the campaign against living miserably Available 5pm–midnight every day	Telephone 0800 58 58 58
<b>Helplines partnership</b> , directory of UK helplines	<a href="http://www.helplines.org/helplines/">www.helplines.org/helplines/</a> (link is external)
<b>Kooth</b> - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Available Monday - Friday, 12pm – 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 6 - 10pm	<a href="http://www.kooth.com">www.kooth.com</a> (link is external)
<b>Mind</b> - Call, text or email for signposting to support in your area	Telephone 0300 123 3393 Text 86463 Email <a href="mailto:info@mind.org.uk">info@mind.org.uk</a> (link sends e-mail)
<b>Papyrus</b> - 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	Telephone 0800 068 4141 Text 07786 209 697 Email <a href="mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org">pat@papyrus-uk.org</a> (link sends e-mail)
<b>Samaritans</b> - To talk about anything that is upsetting you Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year	116 123 (free from any phone) Email <a href="mailto:jo@samaritans.org">jo@samaritans.org</a> (link sends e-mail)
<b>SANEline</b> - If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else. Available 4.30pm–10.30pm every day	Telephone 0300 304 7000
<b>Shout</b> - In a crisis? Anxious? Worried? Stressed?	Text 'shout' for 24/7 text service support 85258
<b>Somali Helpline</b> Advice, family support, counselling, information and signposting Available Monday-Friday 4-9 pm	0800 542 6855
<b>Switchboard</b> - If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you can call Switchboard, open 10am–10pm every day. Phone operators all identify as LGBT+	Telephone 0300 330 0630 Email <a href="mailto:chris@switchboard.lgbt">chris@switchboard.lgbt</a> (link sends e-mail) Webchat <a href="https://switchboard.lgbt/help/">https://switchboard.lgbt/help/</a> (link is external)
<b>The Mix</b> (under 25) open Sunday-Friday 2pm–11pm	Telephone 0808 808 4994 Webchat <a href="http://www.themix.org.uk">www.themix.org.uk</a>



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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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