

27th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

### Updates

- It is wonderful to see the fantastic messages and videos that have been posted on the School's Facebook account by staff, families and pupils. They are proving to be a fantastic way of staying connected and lifting all of our spirits; please keep sending them in! What a truly amazing, united community we have.
- Here's a quick taster of the 'kit' that will be arriving soon for our frontline staff. Once again, our friends at Recognition Express have pulled out all the stops to produce a design that perfectly encapsulates our aims, 'trademark behaviours' and partnership working. Don't they look amazing??!



- We have set up a new telephone number **(01622) 939083** to enable staff to call families. If you are contacted by this number then it will be a member of the team. Please note, it can only be used for external calls i.e. it cannot receive calls. We are currently finalising the finer points of our communication strategy, so please watch this space for further details.
- All of the Department for Education's coronavirus guidance for educational settings can now be found in one place on GOV.UK at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>
- A number of families have contacted us regarding free School meals. Please follow this link for more information  
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

- The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care all.

Kind regards

The Senior Leadership Team

