

28th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Staff,

Updates

- As you are aware, we continue to offer School based provision for a small number of pupils that need to be in School. Our normal approach to supporting the health and medical needs of these pupils continues to apply. Please can families ensure that if there are any changes to the health needs of these children, that we are immediately informed, so that we can update their 'health care plan'.
- Please continue to send Alex videos of you performing our 'Don't Give Up' anthem, as well as suggestions for our 'Tim v Rich' challenges.
- Here are some links which you may find useful:

(1) Information about how to find a food bank

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis/find-a-foodbank>

(2) Downloadable booklets to help guide you through various social media platforms

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/>

- Handwashing advice – here's the latest information from the government:

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides. The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

- 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 and Sunday

Take care all.

Kind regards

The Senior Leadership Team

