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CORONAVIRUS – COVID 19 UPDATE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Today we have taken the extraordinary step to produce an interim Flyer with additional news and advice about what Herne is doing to respond to the international pandemic. Whilst we don't have all the answers, we are trying to take some control over the situation.

Over the weekend and this morning, senior colleagues and I have had time to put together further plans in order to respond purposefully to what will be a challenging time for us all. The school will be guided by three core principles:

- **The safety and wellbeing of all members of our community**
- **Following government advice and trying to stay open, if it is in the national interest**
- **Care, kindness and continuation of learning**

Obviously, I am unable to provide any certainties at present, but it is important that we respond to all eventualities in a calm and proportionate manner. Our children, in particular, require reassurance. As you would expect, we have developed detailed plans in areas such as safeguarding and health and safety.

The focus of our preparations behind the scenes is to ensure that matters are in hand in order to support pupils, especially those in Year 6, as they prepare for SATs. Online materials may well be of crucial importance but we will also have paper copies of work to assist learning. Each year team have collated ideas and links, which we intend to publish to parents this week through our website and in hard copy for those who cannot access the Internet. This will help families who are already self-isolating.

Resources are likely to be stretched. It will be difficult to balance a desire to stay open – fully or partially – when there is also advice to use self-isolation (“stay at home”) when appropriate. Against this background every member of our community must play their part. Children will be reminded to come to school on time and fully equipped if they are fit and well. They must respect scarce resources, especially those connected to health and hygiene. Toilets and other sensitive areas must be treated with the utmost respect. **Children themselves must wash their hands regularly and thoroughly.**

In our determination to run as smoothly as possible, it is also vital that the conduct and behaviour of our children is exemplary. Colleagues and I do not have time to waste, investigating or responding to poor conduct or anti-social behaviour. We are incredibly proud of the behaviour and ethos that goes right across our school, but now this must be even better.

I will continue to keep you fully informed over the coming days and weeks. Your full support in going over the items highlighted in this Flyer with your child today and this evening is much appreciated.



The Current Position: Absence from School

With 53 children absent from school today (12% of the school), we have fielded a huge number of calls and emails seeking some steer from the school for keeping your child at home, or not. At the moment, the advice is to remain at home if your child shows symptoms of a continuous cough or a high temperature. If you are not able to measure the temperature of your child, please use your own discretion. The official temperature to look for is a fever above 37.8°C. Only parents and carers can make the call as to whether your child is ill or seek advice through the NHS111 website or phonenumber: www.111.nhs.uk or call 111.

Petersfield Music Festival & Other External Events

Herne has taken the decision to stop attending any external events, not least because this puts staff at risk of becoming ill and therefore compromising our ability to keep the school open. Tonight and Wednesday's Petersfield Music Festival has been cancelled (ticket money will be refunded by the organisers) and football, netball, swimming and other external events will not be attended. Herne's Got Talent has had to be postponed as the venue at the TPS Studio is no longer staying open. We have also cancelled the RockSteady Concert this Friday, as a precaution. In the case of musical performances, we will endeavour to rearrange these opportunities in the summer term when the peak of the virus has passed, all being well.

Parents' Evening Tomorrow Has Been Postponed

We have reluctantly postponed the Parents' Evening tomorrow. Our intention is to re-schedule this in the summer term, but there is a reply slip on page 3 of this Flyer which you can use to contact us by phone or email if there is a pressing matter that cannot wait. Also on page 3 of this Flyer is an order form for the revision booklets below and we will give these to you this week, assuming we have enough stock in hand.

Revision Books on Sale at Parents Evening

Helping your children to follow-up their learning in school is well proven to be a great way to help your child to do well in their academic studies. We are offering discounted CGP maths and reading booklets. The school makes no profit out of this but as we buy them in bulk, we can sell them to you for a very reasonable price. These books are designed to be user-friendly and have helped many of our children over the last few years! 😊



Maths Revision Question book and Study book will be £6 (for both books) RRP £11.90 (for both)

Reading Revision books will be £2 (including the answers) RRP £3.50

Year 6 SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Revision £4 RRP £5.95

Avon Tyrrell – Year 5 Residential Visit (April 1st – 3rd)

As things stand, this trip is still scheduled to go ahead. We are the only school going on these days, so the only cross-contamination would be with the Avon Tyrrell staff themselves. In all likelihood, national events may well supersede this decision. The main problem for the school is that, if we make the decision to cancel, there is no mechanism to get any money back and this will hit families hard. If any families are not happy with this position and would rather their child remained with them at home, then please let us know and we'll make a note of that. We have contacted Avon Tyrrell and they are aware of the situation, as things stand.

School Clubs

All clubs after-school which are run by Herne staff WILL CONTINUE this week, unless a member of staff contacts you directly to cancel their club. We are reviewing all clubs led by external providers, but have yet to contact them at this stage, so these will continue THIS WEEK, which includes, karate, French Club, CM Sports, Art Club and Hampshire's peripatetic music teachers. If you want your child to stop coming to any of these clubs, we would understand your decision. Please contact the external provider or our office in these instances.

Breakfast Club and Twilight Club

These will both continue as usual throughout the period that the school remains open, as they are run by our own staff. If you wish to make changes to your bookings for these clubs, please contact us in the usual way. 😊

Further Discussions & Breaking News

Senior leaders at Herne and governors are discussing the idea of partial closure in the future, but remaining open for children of key workers. Key workers include NHS staff, emergency services and teachers. In all of our deliberations, we are seeking to do the best thing for the health, safety and well-being of our school community, whilst also doing what is best in the national interests. It is an unenviable task, but we hope that parents and carers understand that we all will be doing our bit to remain open, despite many schools in the UK already closing. There may be a critical point when our staffing levels may force the issue, as teachers and support staff increasingly self-isolate for 7 days or more.

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Most of our breaking news with further developments, hints or tips to support children's learning can be found on our Twitter feed: [@HerneJunior](https://twitter.com/HerneJunior) or www.hernejunior.com For example, we Tweeted a useful video yesterday to demonstrate the importance of soap in handwashing. See this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/hjXspdbnVU>

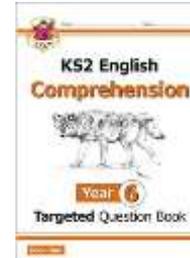
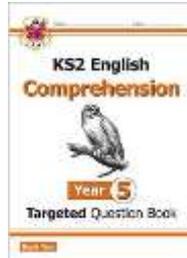
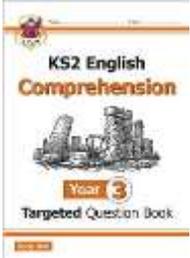
REVISION BOOKS ORDER FORM – MARCH 2020

If you would like to order any revision books please complete the form below and return to School Office with full payment by **24th March**. Any books ordered will be distributed before we break for the Easter holidays or before if we can. This is a one off order so we will be unable to process any orders after the closing date. **Payment can be made in cash or cheque. Cheques made payable to 'Herne Junior School'**. The books available are:



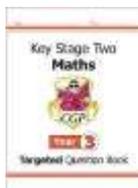
Reading Comprehension Books Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (RRP £3.95)

Our Price £2 (including answers)



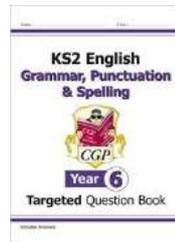
Maths Study Book and Question Book Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (RRP £11.90) (for both books)

Our Price: £6 (for both books)



Year 6 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Book Year 6 only (RRP £5.95)

Our Price £4 (including answers)



Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

| Book Title | Year Group Required | Price | Total |
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| Reading Revision (including answers) | | £2 | £ |
| Maths Question Book & Study Book (both books) | | £6 | £ |
| Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (Year 6 only) | Year 6 only | £4 | £ |
| TOTAL PAID | | | £ |

CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS IS 24TH MARCH.

PARENTS' EVENING – PRESSING MATTER CONTACT FORM

We are aiming to re-schedule tomorrow's Parents' Evening for the summer term. However, if you have a pressing matter and wish to contact your child's teacher, please fill in the details below and we'll make sure we contact you. Thank you for your understanding.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Preferred method of contact: (Please circle) EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER _____