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## A Message to The Children – Whatever It Takes!

This is not an easy message to write and it is done with deep sadness. As you know, this coronavirus is a really nasty virus and has changed lots of things around us. The government has told us that all schools will be closing in the whole country from today for most children.

Some children have parents who work in essential jobs which will keep our country safe and help the sick. We will help those families by allowing their children to come to school where we can look after them while their parents go to work. There are also some children who are vulnerable who will also need to be at school so that we can support them and their families. Those children will be back at school on Monday where we will start to do some activities that they will be familiar with and maybe a few different things that we often don't have time to do.

For the rest of you at home, it's super important to continue to learn. This is absolutely vital and you will need to do as your parents tell you because, by doing this, it will help you to do well in the next stage of your education. This is especially true, where our Year 6 children are concerned, as they prepare for secondary school. In the not-to-distant future and **hopefully by the summer, things will return to normal** and if you haven't continued to learn you could end up struggling with your lessons.

Your teachers and several support staff have been organising lessons and activities which you can do online through the Internet. If you have parents working from home on the only computer in the house or you can't access a computer, we have provided a book to work in (don't forget to use your best handwriting!) and you can use the materials we've sent home and revision books. We will want to check on what you've been doing and you will all need to take some responsibility for your learning and work hard.

Please remember that you may be at home but you are still Herne children so please make me proud of you. Remember to act with all of our HARMONY VALUES in mind. Mr Castle was still filming last night, so there will be a NEW Harmony film coming out next term, so don't forget those values especially when you are talking to your parents or your brothers and sisters while you are at home. I know that this will be a very difficult time for everyone. You will need to draw on all of these values, not least INDEPENDENCE and RESPECT! I know it will be difficult for all of you because you are brilliant, conscientious and will miss being with your friends and staff at school.



The safety and lives of our community must come first during these difficult times, so together we all need to do **WHATEVER IT TAKES**. Most importantly children, please remember...**don't drive your parents up the wall!** 😊

With very best wishes: Mr Markham & all the Herne staff

## CRITICAL Key Worker Clarification

Once we were sent the government's criteria in the very early hours of this morning, we have sent out a separate letter, (which we have repeated on Twitter) to clarify how you can apply for our reduced service to help CRITICAL Key Workers to keep our nation healthy and running as smoothly as possible. Please be aware that if we have too many children and therefore staff, we will be in a high-risk situation with many people 'forced together' in one place. Please consider carefully, if you want to heighten the risk of this terrible virus entering your home! If you have put in an application (and we've had nearly 40 at the point of publication of this Flyer), here are the next steps:

### NEXT STEPS:

- Once we receive your application, we will contact your employer
- In the case of Vulnerable Children and Families, we will check level of need
- We cannot accept applications from self-employed people; financial support for these families is being arranged by HM Government Treasury Department
- The Headteacher will decide if you meet the criteria
- If his decision is challenged, this will be assessed by a small emergency panel of governors, set up solely for this purpose
- We will endeavour to process these applications swiftly, but some applications may be delayed until Tuesday if we are unable to contact employers or social care staff between the deadline later today (4pm) and the weekend

Once again, we are aiming to massively limit the number of people forced together under this initiative and any LOCKDOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT into the future may make all of these arrangements null and void.

## Children in School Next Week

If you are eligible for your child to be cared for at the school next week, they will need:

- To wear school uniform
- Bring PE clothes (not necessarily official Herne kit)
- Draft book and Home-Learning pack



Due to the limited staff running this service, it will be really imperative that ALL children attending behave exceptionally well and, just like normal school time, the same rules of HARMONY apply. In extreme cases, we reserve the right to send children home if they cannot adhere to our 'Good Behaviour Policy'.

## Draft Book for Every Child

We have decided to send every child home with a lovely new draft book for them to use for all their home learning tasks. In addition to this, to help parents, we also sent home some paper copies of different home-learning tasks, which will be referenced on our website **daily home learning lessons**. If your child was not at school on Thursday or today (and has not received these), you can pop in and pick up one for your child from the school hall, after school TODAY, **Monday 8.30 – 1.00 or Tuesday 8.30 – 1.00**.

We would love children to fill up the draft books with lots of home learning and then they can bring them in, when we return to school, to share with their teacher.

## Home Learning



Please click on the 'Children' tab on the top of our website and then each year groups' work is listed. If your child struggles, it's okay to click on the year group below. If they want a challenge, they can click on the year group above. Parents may want to get involved, but try to allow your child to work as independently as possible, as this will keep their brain 'growing'!!

Starting next week, year teams have put together suggested timetables, going live at 8am this Monday, but we will allow the children to have a break over the Easter period, so these timetables won't be there between April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. Even so, there will still be plenty of online resources to use. We are working on the idea that this facility will be in place through to May Half-Term at the very least. Here is an example of these timetables. Just click on any of the GREEN bold font and these are hyperlinks to websites and tasks.

## Doodle Maths – Special Offer for Herne

We've arranged a special deal with Doodle Maths where Herne pupils can get a 6 month licence for the amazing price of £5. If parents would like us to set up an account for them, go onto ParentPay, pay the £5 and then email our ICT technician Lynne Tandy (the first letter is a lower case 'L') on:

[l.tandy@hernejunior.com](mailto:l.tandy@hernejunior.com)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Monday 23rd March 2020	Tuesday 24th March 2020	Wednesday 25th March 2020	Thursday 26th March 2020	Friday 27th March 2020
Maths: Fractions	Maths: Fractions	Maths: Fractions	Maths: Fractions	Maths: Fractions
English: Writing	English: Writing	English: Writing	English: Writing	English: Writing
Science: Plants	Science: Plants	Science: Plants	Science: Plants	Science: Plants
History: Ancient Egypt	History: Ancient Egypt	History: Ancient Egypt	History: Ancient Egypt	History: Ancient Egypt
Art: Drawing	Art: Drawing	Art: Drawing	Art: Drawing	Art: Drawing
Music: Singing	Music: Singing	Music: Singing	Music: Singing	Music: Singing
PE: Sports	PE: Sports	PE: Sports	PE: Sports	PE: Sports
RE: Religion	RE: Religion	RE: Religion	RE: Religion	RE: Religion
PSHE: Personal	PSHE: Personal	PSHE: Personal	PSHE: Personal	PSHE: Personal

## Keeping Fit at Home

Joe Wickes, The Body Coach, will be doing a PE session at 9am from Monday to Friday called "P.E. With Joe". Just click on this link to go onto YouTube and join in the fun! Keeping healthy will be more important than ever!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6r99N3kXME>

## Things That Should Have Gone Home

If there are any items that have been left at school, especially PE kit which may need cleaning, these things can be collected from the school hall on Monday or Tuesday 8.30 – 1.00.

## Medicines

The same goes for any medicines left in school. Collecting these will be more important than ever!

## Rapid Read

If you would like us to release new books for your children, please email your child's name and class to [p.walker@hernejunior.com](mailto:p.walker@hernejunior.com) and Mrs Walker will arrange this for you. However, this may take one or two days to organise.

## School Meals

Herne has volunteered to be a hub for meal services for the wider Petersfield area, serving many of the local schools and ensuring Free School Meals are available for children who are at home. More information will come from HC3s about this and regarding vouchers for supermarkets, etc.

## Year 6 'Girlies' Food Bank Donations!



We're so proud of Holly Richardson, Izzy Robinson, Ruby Harris and Ruby Drake for their amazing initiative to put out a call for Food Bank donations during this week. Holly and Izzy (pictured) were even interviewed live on BBC Radio Solent yesterday morning and the donations from our community were really heart-warming when so many sad news items are all around us just at the moment. If you would still like to make donations, see the details from PACT below. **Well done 'girlies' (as they like to be called!)**

### **MESSAGE FROM PETERSFIELD FOOD BANK:**

The PACT Food Bank based at the Salvation Army Hall in Swan Street, Petersfield, will be giving out food parcels to those in need, every week day, **Monday – Friday between 9.30-11.30 am.**

Families will need to have a Referral Voucher, but can ask the Food Bank or Salvation Army volunteers for one and once filled in, this will immediately be exchanged for bags of dried and tinned food and any toiletries we have in stock. The families will also be given Food Vouchers which can be exchanged at the Petersfield market for Fruit & Veg and Bread, Cheese & Eggs.

If you have any concerns about getting to the Salvation Army to collect your emergency provisions, or you are in quarantine or self-isolation, please contact the food bank via their website so that they can organise an emergency delivery by a volunteer:

[http://www.pact.org.uk/pact\\_food\\_store.asp](http://www.pact.org.uk/pact_food_store.asp)

## Do You Have Signs or Symptoms of the Virus?

By way of a reminder, please self-isolate you and your family if in any doubt and **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**, if they are attending from next week, in this instance. Contact 999 or 111 depending on the severity of your symptoms and **KEEP SAFE** by following the Social Distancing Measures.



## Follow Us on Twitter & Via Our Website



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](http://www.hernejunior.com) For example, we Tweeted a useful video earlier this week to demonstrate the importance of soap in handwashing. See this YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/hjXspdbrNVU>

## Future Flyers

Yes, you guessed it! We will continue to send out weekly Flyers, just as we have done every single week in term-time since January 2006! These are repeated on Twitter on Saturday mornings, so why not keep checking back to us to find out how things are progressing. **Together we WILL beat this virus WHATEVER IT TAKES!**