



CARLETON HIGH SCHOOL

1 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Headteacher Update

I hope this letter finds you and your families well, after what feels like the longest January of all time! The start to 2021 has been another surreal time for all of us and I would like to say thank you for your continued support.

School reopening announcement

The Prime Minister's [announcement](#) last week confirmed there would be no wider reopening of schools immediately after February half term, but it is hoped that the wider reopening could commence on Monday, 8 March 2021. We expect to have the details confirmed by Monday, 22 February 2021, so we should have time to be able to plan accordingly.

Feedback on remote learning

We recognise that this mode of learning is different to face-to-face teaching, and whilst feedback seems very positive, we are keen to hear your opinions on how you think the remote learning provision we are providing is going. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate it if you could take five minutes to fill in the questionnaire via the link below. We encourage students and parents to fill this in together if possible. If you have more than one child who attends one of more of the Trust schools, please complete a separate questionnaire for each child. The deadline for submission of your completed questionnaire is **Thursday, 4 February at 9am.**

Link to the questionnaire:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=txMKXIdyeUebS9j6_OXSIF0rRhHEiyFNgpV7EaW-6o1UNVM2WkhCSkZRUDZXT1hXWkFFNTU4M09RVS4u

Additional resources

Alongside completing work on electronic devices, lessons also require students to have additional resources such as exercise books etc. We understand that supplies at home may now be starting to run low, and that the closure of many shops may make it harder to access materials.

If your child needs additional resources from school (white board, whiteboard pens, pens, pencils, paper, exercise books etc.) we, alongside The Kings School, are going to be offering a number of mobile collection points on **Friday, 5 February**. Our school minibus and The Kings School minibus will be parked outside Trust schools. Families can access resources from any collection point regardless of which school your child attends. Students, parents and carers can simply go to a location and pick up the resources they require. There will be no charge for this service. Please note, it is very important that students/families adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times, wear a mask and do not gather in groups when collecting resources; this is a quick collection service.

Resource collection points and times for Friday 5 February will be as follows:

Time	Pick-up Point
8:00 – 8:45am	Orchard Head J, I & N School (The King's School Minibus)
8:00 – 8:45am	Carleton Park J & I School (Carleton High School Minibus)
8:00 – 8:45am	Carleton High School (Reception)
12:00 - 12:45pm	The Rookeries J, I & N School (Carleton High School Minibus)
12:00 - 12:45pm	Halfpenny Lane J, I & N School (The King's School Minibus)
12:00 - 12:45pm	Carleton High School (Reception)
3:30 - 4:15pm	Larks Hill J & I School (The King's School Minibus)
3:30 - 4:15pm	De Lacy Primary School (Carleton High School Minibus)
3:30 - 4:15pm	Carleton High School (Reception)

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is National Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is 'Express Yourself'. This is another good opportunity to focus on how we can keep ourselves mentally well and how we can support others. As well as our weekly live PE lessons on wellbeing, all Form Time sessions this week will be focused on Children's Mental Health Week.

Here are links to some additional resources that you may find useful:

Place2Be - Free resources for all age groups. Resources for parents and carers can be found [here](#).

Mentally Healthy Schools - have put together a Children's Mental Health Week toolkit, providing a collection of resources for all ages to help families start the mental health conversation. The toolkit can be found [here](#).

Staying in Touch

I hope that our remote learning provision and daily tutor time with form tutors, alongside our virtual enrichment programme, virtual parents evenings and daily [Twitter](#) updates, are helping to ensure that everyone continues to feel connected and cared for, despite not actually seeing each other in person. If at any time you have a question, as always, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us by emailing admin@carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk.

And finally,

I have felt a sense of déjà-vu over the last couple of weeks, with the level of speculation in the media about when lockdown might end and when schools might reopen – it was like being back in the first lockdown! Of course, we want to return to face-to-face education as soon as it is considered safe to do so, but throughout this period of time, I have been so proud of all our students and staff and the support of our parents and carers; together, we achieve more.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Cross
Headteacher