



St Cuthbert Mayne School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to your Friday update from school. I hope that you have had a good week, and that you and your family remain safe and well.

Mass Testing

There has been lots in the media this week about Lateral Flow Testing, which schools are using as part of the mass testing programme. The Department for Education has asked secondary schools to continue testing students who are in school on a weekly basis and to increase the testing of staff in school to twice a week. The DfE has also instructed secondary schools to pause daily testing using the Lateral Flow Device for any student or member of staff who has been in close contact with a confirmed case in school. Instead of attending school for a daily test, they are now instructed to self isolate for 10 days. I want to thank all parents and volunteers who have been involved in the herculean effort to get our testing hub set up and operational.

Deep Learning Day

Next Wednesday we had planned to deliver our first deeper learning day for this academic year. Unfortunately, as with all things currently, we are going to have to do this a little differently! We recognise that remote learning and the current government restrictions can present difficulties for our families, and we would like students to engage in some learning next Wednesday, which focuses on internet safety and family wellbeing at this time.

To facilitate this, timetabled lessons on Wednesday 27th January during lesson 1 (9am to 11am), will be replaced with content on these two important topics.

Resources and activities will be available through your child's Head of Year via Google Classroom as follows:

- Year 7 Mrs Bristow: Year 7 2020/2021 code: qow6eii
- Year 8 Miss Gale: xz6xw2o
- Year 9 Mr Gibson: eq36ho5
- Year 10 Mr Haynes: nzhxwkz
- Year 11 Mr Chapman: y5zudZm
- Year 12 Mr Boughton: 6d4mkgp



- Year13 Mr Boughton: qod5u44

Remote Learning Safely

We understand that, for some, the whole experience of remote learning can be extremely daunting. Technology moves as such a pace and it is hard for us as parents to sometimes keep up. As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping to keep your child safe online, and as a school we want to support you in this. It is vital that our children know how to keep themselves safe and recognise the dangers online.

We are regularly reviewing our online safety procedures in school and following on from the Deep Learning Day we will also be sending out further resources to our families to recognise Internet Safety Day on 8th February. We would encourage you to engage in conversation with your child about how safe they are online, please ensure that they know how to set strong passwords and if you need help or support with changing your child's password please do contact your child's tutor or send an email to the helpdesk.

Further advice on internet safety tips for parents can be found on <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Police Message: Anti-Social Behaviour

In working with our partner agencies, we are often asked to pass on information to our families and by working together we can ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

The Police have recently contacted all schools in the area to ask parents to engage in a conversation with their child about anti-social behaviour. Police do have the power to exclude anyone causing disturbance or nuisance in an area for up to 48 hours and do have the power to arrest if that person should return to the area during that time. They have also asked us to remind our community that electric scooters are illegal to use in any public place in the UK and those seen using the scooters will be stopped by Police and the scooters will be seized.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. James Down
Headteacher