

3 April 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

As we come to the end of two weeks of school closure I wanted to thank all of you for your continued support. I'm sure this has not been an easy journey for many of you, getting into new routines, continuing to find ways to motivate your children whilst at the same time dealing with the stress that this international health crisis presents.

We are all trying to do our best in this new remodelled world. I know that many of you are key workers and I want to thank you on behalf of the John Bright community for the work that you continue to do under such challenging circumstances. Many of you will now be working from home or have had to face the uncertainty of your employment status; many of you will also be facing significant financial challenges. We don't want you to have to worry about your child missing out on school work to add to that list. I do know that the teaching staff have been very impressed with the engagement they have had through google classroom, so please pass on their thanks to your children.

In my previous letter I said that school would not be setting work over the Easter period. It is clear that school will not be reopening in the short term and we are looking at ways to make home learning both manageable and meaningful. However, we are also realistic and I am very clear that we will have to readjust our approach to teaching and learning when we return so that no child gets left behind, whatever their personal circumstances. I am acutely aware that your priorities are all different and access to laptops and devices can also be one of the many challenges.

I am also aware that as each year group moves forward they want to know what next year is going to look like for them. We will be contacting Year 11 students and putting plans in place to support their next steps be it school or college. We will also be confirming option choices for Year 8 students as well as working on a transition programme for our Year 6 children. Equally, we will be supporting our Year 13 students as they move on to the next stage of their journey. We are having to find new ways of working but I wanted to reassure you that plans will be put in place.

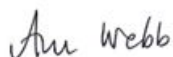
We have had no further guidance from Qualifications Wales or WJEC on examinations, although there is expected to be an announcement from Ofqual later today. This should provide us with further clarification.

On a final note I just wanted to draw your attention to one of the many [sites](#) that provide information on staying safe online. With so many young people using devices on such a regular basis it has never been more important to ensure that our young people stay safe.

We will continue to keep in regular touch and update you. Please can I encourage you to contact us through general@johnbright.uk if you have any concerns and please keep an eye on our Website/Facebook page where we will continue to update you with useful information to support you at this time

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Ann Webb
Headteacher