



Update for Pupils and Parents Monday 30th March 2020

Good morning all

As we settle into our second week of Remote Learning, I want to encourage all our students – and parents to keep going!

Here a few reminders:

1. Please ensure your child has enrolled in his/her classes in Google Classroom or Fronter, according to the instructions given by the individual teachers. If there is still any doubt, please contact us at the School Office between 9.00am and 12.00midday or through the College email.
2. It is very important to send your complete work back to your teachers for feedback.
3. It is still possible to receive a Learning Pack, if Remote Learning is not possible. Please let us know if you have not received this so far.
4. This week we will be identifying those who are not engaging with learning and contacting you personally so that no-one misses out!
5. It is very difficult for young people who struggle with Literacy – to read all the material online and to cope with the instructions given. It would really help if whoever is looking after them at home, or an older sibling, would be able to read over some of the material with them. We want to help if you are having difficulties in this area so don't hesitate to get in touch so that we can discuss it. You may need advice about an audio function on your computer or an App to help you!
6. If your reading is a challenge – I encourage you to listen to audio books and try to follow along. This is not a substitute for practising your reading – as you still need to do that for at least ten minutes every day – but it will allow you to respond to what you are reading and demonstrate your understanding. Most importantly, it will be encouraging for you.
7. I hope it will be possible in time to offer some further learning support in school in a way that is safe. Above all – do not give up.
8. If you are a key worker you are most welcome to send your child into school each day. Let us know if you need this, even if you did not need it previously. It could be on either a full or part-time basis.
9. If your child is vulnerable and you need advice – or you need to check if coming into school is an option for you – please contact me, especially if your child is in Years 8-10.
10. The schools in the Ballymena area will work together if and as necessary in the days ahead.



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Above all – take breaks and do interesting things. The Art Department and PE Department are busy making useful suggestions which any age group can use.

Stay safe. Look after yourselves and one another. We all need to help our NHS staff by following all the advice and guidance given - and staying home as much as possible.

Ruth Wilson
Principal