

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Online Resources and Support

I hope this letter finds you safe and healthy and that you are managing to stay positive in this difficult time, particularly as the weather seems to have taken a turn. I want to thank you for continuing to support your children in their learning and assure you, that anything you can do to motivate and assist them will be invaluable in ensuring they continue to progress. The more that young people are able to learn during this time the easier they will find getting caught up once we return to school.

For those of you who have children in Year 11 and Year 13, I want to reassure you that staff in school are already hard at work looking at all the available evidence to make the most accurate assessments they can. We have a clear and robust process in place and while I am sure many of you will be keen to know the grades we will be submitting; we will not be in a position to share this with you. Results will be available for each child on the usual results days in August.

I know that the challenges that each family faces will be different so I wanted to share with you some of the resources available to all of you in this time.

Online Educational Resources:

As you may have seen in the news, there are a number of educational resources that have been made available to all students.

<https://www.thenational.academy/> - A selection of online lessons and resources for students.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> - A selection of daily lessons for students.

<https://offschool.org.uk/> - A website with educational ideas and resources for students to complete at home.

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Supporting_home_learning_routines_-_Planning_the_day.pdf - A document that helps parents/carers and their children maintain good home learning routines.

Online Support for Families:

C19support@leicester.gov.uk – This is an email address set up by the council for **anyone worried about having enough food, paying bills or feeling lonely and isolated**. Please send your telephone number to this address and a member of their staff will call you back between 9.30am and 4.00pm, from Monday to Friday.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-safety-and-crime/domestic-and-sexual-abuse/> - The council also have a number of **resources available for those experiencing abuse**. Reports of domestic abuse have increased nationally and this website contains contact details and information for those who need it.

<https://families.leicester.gov.uk/coronavirus-free-school-meals> - This website contains information on how to apply for **free school meals**.

If I hear anything else that may be useful to you, I will ensure I pass it on to you all. In the meantime, I am looking closely at our processes for reopening so that when we do open our doors again, we will be in a position to support all of our students in closing any gaps in their learning.

Yours sincerely

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