April 2nd 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Tomorrow would normally have been the start of our 2 week Easter holiday but in the difficult circumstances we face there is nothing normal anymore. However staff will not be setting work during these two weeks and online learning directed by teachers will start again on April 20th. I am sure it will be a real challenge for our young people to stay at home and follow lock down guidance during what would have been holidays but we are all being asked to change our lifestyles currently and the message of ‘stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives’ is one that cannot be repeated too often.

School will remain open for the children of key workers who have no alternative child care arrangements throughout the next two weeks, including Good Friday and Easter Monday. For those students who are in we will provide activities and staff will be in to supervise them on the rota basis we have been using so far during this closure period.

The arrangements for the provision of food for those families in receipt of Free School Meals has now been changed. For the past two weeks we have distributed food parcels provided by the Local Authority but after Easter we move to a national voucher scheme which has been arranged by the Department for Education. For the vast majority of FSM families we have an email address and so you should receive a code by email with which you can generate a voucher to the value of £15 per child per week. If you have any difficulty with this please contact us at contact@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk. We will send a code weekly and the first one is valid from 20th April. For those families where we do not have a working email address we will post out the shopping voucher and text you by the end of school tomorrow, Friday 3rd April, to let you know that this will happen.

When learning does resume on April 20th could I please remind you that if you have any specific learning enquiries they should be directed to the appropriate email below:

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|  English | englishclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| Maths | mathsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| Science | scienceclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| French/Spanish | mflclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| History | historyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| Geography | geographyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| RS | rsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| Technology, Engineering, Design | technologyclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| Business, Computing, Imedia | ictclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| PE, BTEC Sport, Health & Social | peclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| Performing Arts, Dance, Music | performingartsclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |
| Art & Photography | artclosure@carrhill.lancs.sch.uk |

We should hear soon from Ofqual regarding this summer’s qualifications for Year 11 and I will send an update regarding that as soon as possible.

With best wishes

Andrew Waller

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