

20 March 2020

Dear Parents

In light of the continued spread of the Coronavirus, here is a reminder of the Junior School's provision for 'Guided Home Learning.'

Teachers will continue to set class work and homework electronically. This will mostly be done through Firefly and in most cases will involve some project style work.

Currently, each year group has 'Guided Home Learning' folder – please can you ensure that you and your daughter are familiar with this. In your daughter's year group folder, you can also view the curriculum newsletter, which provides an overview of termly topics covered.

In addition to this, Year 1 – Year 6 may also set work on MyMaths and PurpleMash – please ensure that your daughter can log in to these platforms at home.

Year 6 girls also have access to Google Classrooms and this is a platform which they are familiar with. We request that students sign in to FireFly/Google Classrooms at the start of their scheduled lesson, in order to complete group assignments or engage in real-time discussion.

They will contact students in advance of the scheduled virtual lesson to ensure that all are aware in this scenario.

Please remember that your daughter should continue to read daily.

The expectation will remain that students spend the same amount of time on their studies as they would do if they were in school. In most cases, especially for Nursery – Year 5, teachers will set work to be submitted in a student's own time.

At times teachers will expect some work to be submitted via the online platform and will return work with feedback to students – girls will be shown how to do this.

For more detail on how and when work should be submitted and how feedback will be conducted, look at the Firefly page for your daughter's year group.

We ask for your support in ensuring the continuity of educational provision by ensuring that your daughter has access to a computer and that she understands her responsibilities in continuing to actively engage with her learning.

We would also recommend that you refer to the 'General Timetable Guidance' and where possible try to maintain a routine for your daughter.

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If you have any questions, please contact,

Mrs Ashmi Morjaria, Junior School Deputy Head Academic: <u>a.morjaria@nwc.gdst.net</u> (general queries regarding lesson provision, work submission and feedback during school closure)

Mrs Vicki Edwards, Head of Computing: <u>v.edwards@nwc.gdst.net</u> (queries about using Google Classroom, Firefly and other sites/apps noted by teachers)

Mr Ian Leathers, Head of ICT: <u>i.leathers@nwc.gdst.net</u> (technical queries regarding Chromebooks and hardware)

Mrs Helen Crouch, Junior School Deputy Head Pastoral: h.crouch@nwc.gdst.net (Any pastoral or safeguarding queries)

Yours sincerely

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