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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Coronavirus Update (0161-19NLI)

I hope this letter finds you and your family is safe and well. As we nearer the end of the academic year, we will be communicating in writing on a weekly basis.

Extension of our Remote Learning Offer

Teachers are currently producing pre-recorded lessons so that pupils will be able to view videos of their teacher delivering lessons on Teams, and we hope to bring more information to you on this as soon as possible. We hope this will bring some sense of routine and normality back to the children who have missed the usual structure of lessons.

Welfare

We continue to support pupils, parents / carers with phone calls, socially distanced doorstep visits and welfare parcels including a range of home products and sanitary protection. Working in conjunction with other agencies we are able to support families requiring additional help at this difficult time.

Signposting is available for pupils on Teams with regards to self-help strategies, useful websites and who to contact for targeted support.

Our welfare team is always available to answer any queries or concerns you may have. Contact details are available on the school website and the welfare section of Teams.

Recovery Curriculum

When it is safe to do so, we cannot wait to get the pupils back in the classroom. We are making sure we have the best curriculum package we can offer for when the pupils return; we are aware pupils will feel a range of emotions so we are looking at adapting our curriculum and responding to the individual needs of our pupils. All staff are working tirelessly on a curriculum recovery package.

Summer Work Pack

As a school, we want to support the pupils with their learning as much as we can during this time. Behind the scenes, the teachers are working on creating work packs that the pupils can work through



during the six week holidays to ensure the gaps in knowledge can be reduced as much as possible. These work packs will be emailed to all pupils' school email addresses or for pupils' working on paper work packs, we will post the packs in July.

Knowledge Retrieval Strategies

We wrote to you on the 5th June 2020 about the exciting launch of the Knowledge Retrieval Strategies that we are embedding into our Curriculum package. We gave you the task to match the icons up with the strategies with your child, take a look below to see how well you have done.

This is how the pupils can use them, why not try some at home and send them into rhope@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk

 <p>Flashcards Are created to allow you to test yourself. Question or concept on one side and answer or definition on the other side.</p>	 <p>Maps Use the Thinking Maps to present your knowledge in different ways to retrieve key learning.</p>
 <p>Jigsaw Allow you to demonstrate the knowledge you have learnt and how it links together.</p>	 <p>Knowledge Organisers Organise the key knowledge you need to know for a topic/unit.</p>
 <p>Quizzes Test your retrieval of knowledge and help you become a more resilient learner.</p>	 <p>Whiteboards Allow you to recall knowledge from your memory quickly and works best in conjunction with quizzes.</p>

Year 10 - #WeAreLongfield Pupil Leader Applications

If your child would like to become a #WeAreLongfield Student Leader and make a real difference in school, please see the role of the Student Leader document and the Student Leader application template that has been sent to your child's school email address.

If you would like more information please contact Mrs Hickerson.

Completed applications should be sent through to Mrs Hickerson or handed in at Main Reception by Friday 3rd July 2020. Interviews will take place via Teams with Mrs Hickerson and Miss Piggett.

Year 11 Passport to the Prom

Whilst this has been on hold, we are now in a position to start moving forward with our rewards for qualifying Year 11 pupils. *Please look out for a letter early next week with more information on this.*

Uniform

We will remain in Summer Uniform (polo shirts) until November 2020.

At this stage, we must prepare for a return in full summer school uniform in September 2020 and we advise all parents / carers to prepare as early as possible for this, as there may be a backlog due to retail establishments only just becoming operational once more.

There is a uniform guide of how to order from Elizabeth's Embroidery on our website:

<https://swiftacademies.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Elizabeth-Embroidery-Info.pdf>

Acceptable Hair and Clothing

Examples of acceptable hair and clothing can be found on our website in the Transition section:

<https://longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2020/06/Acceptable-Unacceptable-Hair-Clothing.pdf>

Darlington Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

There is a link to a useful CAMHS newsletter on our website:

https://swiftacademies.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CAMHS_Newsletter_June20.pdf

School Website

Can I please once again stress to you the excellence in these times of the Longfield Academy website, which has recently been updated. All of the above information, as well as the letters we send home during the school closure, are uploaded to our website. I would also like to highlight the SWIFT Coronavirus section; it is an amalgamation of Department for Education, Public Health and various mental health, welfare and educational resources and ideas - as a 'one stop shop' for all things related to COVID education and family welfare: <https://swiftacademies.org.uk/covid19/>

As always, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school via enquiries@longfield.swiftacademies.org.uk or telephone Reception on 01325 380 815.

Vulnerable / Key Worker Pupil Provision

Please can we remind all parents / carers of children that are accessing they Key Worker / Vulnerable pupil provision, that pupils must only bring a bare minimum of possessions to school. This would be a coat (if required), a packed lunch if they chose and their pencil case with pupil equipment in. Non-essential items should be left at home.

Thank you for you continued support during this difficult time.

#WeAreLongfield

Yours faithfully,



Mr N Lindsay
Head of School