

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Families

I hope you are all coping as well as you can at the moment and this letter finds you all well. Fingers crossed the sunshine returns for half term and we can all at least take a walk in the sunshine over the coming days.

I am sure you are all finding the information and commentary about what is going to happen to us all next a little overwhelming, including about schools. All I can say is we are following guidance and updates as closely as possible and acting accordingly. For clarity I can say that no decision around any face to face with year 10 will be taken until after next week, but will certainly not happen until much later in June. The week of 1<sup>st</sup> June I will be back in touch with year 10 families with a further update. I am sorry I can't be more specific but it is really too soon to be any more precise.

All parents and careers, I know how challenging home schooling your children is and I know we are all desperate for a sign of some sort of return to normal life and school. Hang in there, you are doing a great job!

Thank you all for your support and concern around the confirmed case of covid19. The member of staff in now fine and there were no further confirmed cases in staff. We will be welcoming the children back on Thursday who have been at home. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Next week is half term for you all. It always feels strange to speak of a holiday at this time. Just a reminder that school work next week will be more like homework or projects. We would encourage everyone to take a break from screens and home school, if you can. You will still be able to contact us on our [help@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:help@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk) email, [admin@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk) and [ictsupport@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ictsupport@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk). The phone will not be answered next week but you will be able to leave a message.

We have been trying to ensure all our year 10 students can access their work on a laptop. We have distributed a lot over the past fortnight. Please email Miss Southern at [msouthern@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:msouthern@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk) if you are in year 10 and need support with equipment and you haven't heard from Miss Southern.

After half term we will get more laptops out to children in other years with no devices or where the devices are not suitable for completing work. We will base this on your feedback from our questionnaires and some follow up calls.

Finally, after half term we will be moving to weekly support calls to all families for us to keep a more careful eye on how work is going and how you are all coping. These will start with years 7-9 in the first week and be followed by year 10 the week after. We hope this will help to resolve any problems around accessing and completing work more easily.

Please, as ever, do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you need any support.  
All my best wishes to you all, hope you are well. Stay safe!

Kind regards,



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