



Monday 23rd March

Dear parents and carers,

We are very grateful for your kind messages and appreciation. These are difficult times for everyone and we are trying to do the best we can with a reduced workforce.

As you know, school continues to be open to identified vulnerable children and children of parents specified in the critical worker list. We ask that the parents with allocated critical worker places notify us the day before if they need provision on days that they have not already specified. If they can also be aware that the Sweyne buses will not be running, please contact us if you need help with alternative transport. For critical workers who have initially said they did not need a place, can you please email us to discuss provision if your situation changes.

It has been great to see so many of our students accessing GCSEPOD, Classcharts, Mathswatch and Kerboodle. There are also lots of other online resources and activities out there. We have also heard of students trying out lots of other activities and hobbies which are great for good mental health such as:

exercise workouts	gardening	board games	cooking
yoga	sewing	learning a new language	
	writing a blog/book		drawing and painting
number puzzles	crosswords		reading clubs
learning sign language	meditation		painting (a fence!)

We have even heard of students washing up without being asked and keeping their bedrooms spotlessly clean!

If we have any updates we will continue to email you. We are contacting Y11 parents as a separate group to relay information, in the coming weeks, about the GCSE grading process.

Finally, please be aware that we have to restrict outside access to the school site to reduce the risk to staff and students so please contact us on the enquiry email if you need to pick anything up from school. Our reception and phone line will not be manned from tomorrow due to staff shortages but we have our enquiry email monitored for urgent messages between 8.45am and 3pm. Messages will be forwarded to relevant staff and returned by this route.

God bless you and keep you all safe,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Mitchell

Headteacher

