Letter from the Head

Dear Parents, Carers and all Trevelyan pupils,

Despite not all being together right now, you are far from my mind so I thought I would continue with a newsletter and also forward on to you some personal messages from my staff. I hope you are all keeping well in these very testing few weeks. Being confined to our homes and not socialising at school or work is really difficult but I hope you are all healthy and trying to make the most of some down time together as families. We are coming to the end of the first week of school closure and you all engaging with home schooling; I hope the website has been useful as I know Mr Sharif has been working so hard keeping it all up to date for you. I sincerely hope everyone is also managing to keep those good routines going and keeping balanced with some Joe Wicks moves, time out in the garden or walking around the house to get some steps in! It must be very difficult for you all (I know it is for me), but some comfort is that everyone is in pretty much the same position, and just trying the best in the circumstances. Let’s hope we can all be together again in the very near future.

A massive shout out goes to Mr Neighbour, Mr Day, Mrs Wooders, Miss Rana, Mr Rattigan, Mr Cotton, Ms Moghal, Hamza in the IT department and Sarah in the canteen and all our cleaners who have been in work every day providing care to some of our pupils and keeping the school going. They are also on the front line of all the enquiries so although we all try our best from home, I am so very grateful to these amazing members of staff. Clapping our hands last night for the NHS was very poignant and emotional and so very well deserved but I also want to clap and cheer the amazing Trevelyan team who really have tried hard to keep everything going for you all.

Every day I meet with my Trust Leaders remotely over Teams, and we are all also in daily contact with all the teachers and staff. We get a great deal of feedback from teachers about how things are going and what is working well on the website but we also very much appreciate your words of kindness or advice on what is working well and not so well for you at home. We are meeting again this afternoon, remotely of course, to put in something more streamlined for Monday onwards so we will keep you updated. Teachers are being as creative as their circumstances allow and we are all learning new ways of working and presenting lessons and learning to students. It seems like the majority of you are engaging with this and trying your best under the circumstances. It is really pleasing to see how everyone in the school community is using common sense and reasonableness to keep matters proportionate as well. Thank you all for your support and patience.

I will continue writing any formal letters but will also aim to send you a weekly update too – my way of speaking to you all! PLEASE look after yourselves and one another. We all know how to stay safe but please do follow the advice at all times. The quicker we all react; the shorter this isolation will last!

Thinking of you all

Mrs N Chandler
Head of School
**Home learning**

Thank you very much for your resilience in grappling with pupils taking part in home learning. We appreciate that this is a mammoth challenge at the best of times, but made all the trickier at such a moment of national crisis.

Thank you to all parents who have given feedback on how you have found the resources provided so far. It has enabled us to identify and acknowledge what has been going well, but has also flagged some issues to our senior leadership team where provision has not been adequate. We are taking urgent steps to address these shortcomings.

We passionately want to ensure that we are supporting our pupils and parents at this time of crisis. This means it is vital that home learning is having as minimum impact on yourselves as possible – though we do appreciate some impact will be inevitable. We also desperately want to see our young learners continue to be motivated and feel a connection to Trevelyan at this difficult time.

Please rest assured that a lot of work is going into responding to the feedback that you have provided us with – and we will be sending out a clearer guide to home study within each year group on Monday.

**Messages to you all from staff:**

**Mrs Hill and the maths team**

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone at home for all the help and support that has been given to pupils. It is clear from reports that we can download from Mathletics that there has been a huge amount of activity!

We are in uncharted territory as we aim to maximise the learning for pupils in a virtual world and at the end of the first week we have taken the opportunity to reflect and improve.

We thought it would be helpful to be clearer in terms of the process flow for work. Our aim is to provide learning for pupils which will occupy them for the equivalent of three hour long lessons for Key Stage 3 and six hour long lessons for Key Stage 2. Pupils work at very different rates and Mathletics provides flexibility for this, as detailed below:
Maths teachers will make sure that work is set on Mathletics on the evening before the scheduled lesson. Any problems please email via the School Office and we can answer any concerns.

We are thinking of you all in these challenging times, keep safe and stay healthy.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hill and the Maths Team
A message from Miss Lane

Hello everyone, it’s Miss Lane here. We are all really missing seeing your smiling faces and we are wishing for this time to be over as quickly as possible. I am especially missing my classes as well, but I hope the work I have set for you is keeping you busy. You might be feeling a little unsure of things, but keeping the brain occupied really helps!

To try and help you with this I have been on the search for some extra exciting and interesting resources for you to use at home!

Here are my top 5!

1. For those that love animals check this out!! You can watch animals live, such as Koala’s, penguins and all sorts. Each web page contains lots of facts about the animals as well. https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/

2. For a scientific focus, this website also looks fantastic https://www.planetsforkids.org/

3. If you love art then check this link out! It teaches you how to draw dinosaurs and cartoon animals! Rob Biddulph set up this website to teach children how to draw the characters in his books. Give it a go, maybe you can create a new character for yourself! This website also includes a variety of drawing downloads for free. http://www.robbiddulph.com/draw-with-rob

4. For some Mathematical fun check this out. https://www.themathsfactor.com/ for all ages up to 13.

5. Finally, for as long as schools are closed, Audible are open. Children everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. https://stories.auible.com/start-listen
You can battle each other, and if your teacher has some time when they are not busy setting all of your work for you, they might agree to a battle with you too!

I will be setting up some Form Group Battles, so keep checking each week for those!!

I am going to be checking each week and sending out a ‘virtual’ certificate for all those with the most amount of coins, the quickest speed and the most progress made!

Let’s set ourselves a challenge in beating our own speed, and when we return back to school let’s have a TTRS competition! Let’s get practicing now!

Who will be the TTRS Champion!!

Keep up the good work everyone!

Miss K. Lane
Deputy Headteacher
Music

Mrs Gingell’s music classwork will be moving onto Edmodo. The class pages are set up for her teaching groups and all you need to do is join with the following class codes:

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N.B Further codes will be published in the home learning pack which we will be sending out to all parents on Monday. We will include the above codes in this guide also.

Key Stage 3

I hope everyone is safe and doing well. We are hearing positive things about the Key Stage accessing work online and as some subject areas move to Edmodo it will allow us to become an online community as we manoeuvre through our new learning experiences.

Some of my favourite mindfulness business are offering the following:

STOP, BREATHE & THINK

60 days free premium tracks in their “for kids” section of the All Ages app. The activities are recommended for children aged 4-10 and can help address a specific emotion to work through the feelings – together as a family regardless of age, for example:

- Feeling anxious;
- Feeling restless;
- Feeling angry or annoyed;
- Feeling gratitude & kindness;
- Having a hard time sleeping.

I use the app all the time and currently on a 321 days meditation streak! I recommend the app to anyone and everyone who are willing to listen but if you have a mindfulness app recommendation I would love to hear about it.
Pickle London, have just launched their Happy Kids Club which included free fun printable and activities posted to your inbox every Thursday. To spread some positivity at this time, children all across the country are colouring rainbows and putting them in their windows to share some positivity to make others smile as they pass so they have included a big Happy rainbow to print off and colour. I have included their mindfulness colouring for all ages and some daily/weekly planner pages for adults too so do check them out.

**Performing Arts News: Mrs Van Ot**

**PRODUCTION:** We really enjoyed watching all of the pupils who auditioned for 'Sister Act Jr.' We saw wonderful diva-style dance moves, soulful singing and excellent acting including using American accents. Although we will have to put a hold on the production for now, we hope that you enjoyed taking part in the workshops and will let you know further news in due course. Watch this space!

**DISTANCE LEARNING:** Our online lessons for Music and Drama are quite different to your usual lessons which often involve a lot of group work and performing in front of the class, however, we hope that you will enjoy taking some time to develop your skills individually at home. This is important for your own development to build on your skills and knowledge and you will also be able to apply these skills when you are back working in groups in the future.

Don’t forget what Einstein said 'Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere', so use that imagination and be creative!

**PE**

Hello to our wonderful Trevelyan students,

I hope you are all feeling well, washing your hands and keeping fit! Really important to keep moving now. Consider that you normally move around between lessons at least 5 time a day and have two lovely break/playtimes. Keep yourself moving, use the 5 & 8 minute moves I have put on the website. Maybe even make up your own?

I have been doing the Joe Wicks PE lessons with my boys and hopefully lots of you are also taking part. If you are lucky enough to have a garden and a ball work on some ball skills and come up with some amazing tricks – Mr Brazier and I can’t wait to see them when we return.

Enjoy the sunshine, and most importantly keep well.

See you all soon!

Mrs Allen
Dear students

I have to say that I’m missing every single one of you and I hope you & your families are doing well and keeping safe & sane!

It is very strange not seeing all your smiley faces, your enthusiasm for PE (Asking me during the day 'Sir, what are we doing in PE today') and I’m even missing having to find you footballs or netballs at break time.

Keep safe and take care.

Mr Brazier

Pastoral Team

'At these uncertain times for all, as Head of Key Stage 2, I am so proud of how all of our students are getting on and doing the very best they can. The Key Stage 2 team are making sure our check ins are happening and are on hand for anything that is needed for anyone. I cannot wait to see them all again safe and well.

Miss Dixon.'

To our wonderful Trevelyan students,
We hope you're all keeping well and safe during this time.
There's a lot of frightening things we are hearing and seeing on the news, however, we want you to use the time you're at home to focus on positives, speaking to your friends and family, reading, listening to music, playing games, watching your favourite movies, exercise. You're not alone, we're still here and we look forward to seeing you all soon. In the meantime, ALWAYS remember:

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."

It has taken a while to adjust to the quiet (especially when you are used to having year 8 lockers outside your door!) But more than that, it has taken time to get used to not being able to witness all the amazing things you all achieve at school every day. Keep in mind that challenges are the things that make us stronger and this is just another one. So, work hard, be good and most of all take care.

Miss Chauhan & Mr Chambers
Pastoral / Wellbeing team

From Miss Rana:
This is a weird time for us all,
I can remember when you all were small,
I have helped you grow, giving you advice as you go,
Watching your faces show appreciation and glow,
You are all now grown up and achieved so much,
I wish you luck in the forthcoming weeks and hope you keep in touch.

Miss Rana
Mrs Mowat’s virtual reading book sites:
Best Websites with Free Online Books For Kids:
Oxford Owl.
Storyline Online.
International Children's Digital Library.
Open Library.
Amazon's Free Kids Ebooks.
Barnes & Noble Free Nook Books for Kids.
Mrs. P’s Magic Library.

If you are having problems with AR and your login/password has been reset, please refresh the web address before trying again. The AR site does have a funny habit of retaining prior information. Please contact us if this does not solve your problem.
Stay safe and well.

Miss Mowat

Mr Starbuck - French
Salut ! J’espère que vous ne vous ennuyez pas trop à la maison!

Speaking French at home for many of you may be tricky but there are other ways to listen to some French whilst you are at home like watching a movie you know with French audio or subtitles, listening to French music on youtube or even French radio.

Here are some websites any year group can use for free. All of them have excellent videos and resources to work through. Watch out for work on the school website!

For Quizlet please now set up your own account (it’s free) and search TREVELYANFRENCH to find the vocabulary for your year group.

www.rosettastone.com/freeforstudents (the site has 3 months free access)
www.bbc.co.uk/teach Watch the 10 episodes in Virtually There: France
www.duolingo.com
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
(Go to key stage 2 or 3 French and work your way through the clips and exercises)

Mrs Mealing and admissions:
If anyone has any admissions enquiries regarding siblings, please email me direct on mealing.k@trevelyan.org.uk

Mr Tymon – Design Technology
Once we are back, provision will be made to complete the practical elements of the projects even if it means carrying them into the start of next year. Be reassured you will not miss out and we will do everything we can to help you achieve this!
AR at home - Reading from a distance!

Who would have guessed at the start of the Spring term that we would now be at home teaching and learning from a distance? Strange times indeed! However as most of you already know, the school has pulled out all the stops to ensure that all of our pupils have access to the best education that we can provide. To this end we managed to organise access to AR from home, just before everything came to a halt. Between the hours of 8am and 3pm all pupils are able to access AR and complete quizzes on books read. Parents have been sent the password necessary to confirm the tests so hopefully reading will continue, and possibly increase in these current circumstances.

We appreciate that there have been a few teething problems but we are now able to reset passwords and logins remotely. Should anyone have a problem accessing AR please email school and we will reset as required.

For those who are avid readers and have possibly exhausted their current reading supply, you can Google arbookfind.co.uk and check whether or not any books that you have at home can be quizzed on.

Happy reading.

Miss Mowat

Thinking of all our pupils at this difficult time.
Very best wishes Mrs Amphlett

Mr Redman.

Well done everyone for being fine young responsible adults and continuing to do the right thing for you and the people you care about. These are difficult times but so pleased to hear lots of you working hard and doing the best you can in this situation. I can’t believe 2 weeks ago some of us were in Iceland! A big special mention to everyone in 7JR who I miss lots! Continue to make me proud of every single one of you #bestformgroup

And finally.....Mr Day

I hope you are finding your own way through this difficult time for the world. The school is empty without you and you are all missed. Despite how tricky it may be at times, don’t be afraid to find and cherish the positives when they arise. But likewise, make sure you keep talking when or if things get tough. Community is more important than ever right now - which is odd when we are required to be apart. I can’t wait till Trevelyan reunites - until then, keep in touch.

I hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter. Please do pass on to your children to read and enjoy the websites we have recommended.

Wishing you all, and your families, a quiet weekend together and remember where we are if you need to contact a member of staff.

With love and best wishes at this difficult time,

Mrs Nicola Chandler
Head of School