

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are well, as the lockdown period continues.

There has been much talk recently about how to re-open schools including the announcement made by the Prime Minister at the beginning of this week.

He suggested the re-opening of schools for Year 10 and 12 to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the virtual learning students are already receiving. I am sure you have many questions regarding this announcement. You may also be worrying about how safe it will be for you and your family if your son/daughter returns to school. As a school, we also have many questions that need clarification, as we need to ensure that it is safe for both the children and staff to return to school, before we re-open.

We are very keen to re-open but need to do so safely and as more information becomes available in the coming weeks we will let you know what this means for Y10 & Y12 and how we intend to proceed.

In the meantime, our status is as it has been since the 23rd March – our school is only open for those children of Critical Workers who need to be cared for while their parent(s) are at work and for those children deemed to require additional support.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time.

[Online Learning: DWHS - Your Learning Schedule](#)

In response to our recent student survey next week, 18th May will be another **Catch Up Week**.

To access the Learning Schedules from the last three weeks please click the links below:

- [Week 1 Your Learning Schedule](#)
- [Week 2 Your Learning Schedule](#)
- [Week 3 Your Learning Schedule](#)

Remember you can use the [DWHS YouTube Channel](#) to support you in using Teams. Please click the link to visit the channel where you will find video tutorials to inform you and your son/daughter in how to make the best use of our online learning environment.

National Thank a Teacher Day

On Wednesday 20 May, we are celebrating teachers, senior leaders, support staff and all those working in education settings who are making a difference to their schools and communities during the coronavirus outbreak.



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National Thank a Teacher Day is a day when we, as a nation, can come together to say Thank You to teachers across the country who make a huge difference to young people's lives - not just now during these unprecedented times - but every day

You can find more detail here <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher-day>

If you would like to send a message of appreciation to a DWHS member of staff, please send by completing this form. [Click Here](#)

Tutor calls

It is important for us at this time to see how are students are doing, our tutors calls will continue making their calls. The aim of the call is to check you and your children are well and if you require any support from the school.

Support with learning resources

Some of you have asked for exercise books to record or write some responses. Whilst we are encouraging the use of online submissions, we are more than happy to provide any students exercise books if they so wish. If your child needs an exercise book, then please request by completing the online form [click here](#).

Free School Meals

Any family whose financial situation may have recently changed due to the events caused by the COVID -19 outbreak please contact the school and we can provide you with support in applying for Free School Meals. Please check the school website to check if your child is eligible [click here](#) for more information. If you require further support with this matter, please complete the [online form](#) stating you specifically need support with the FSM application.

Keyworkers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government

Presently the school remains open for all children of Key Workers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government. If you fall under this category and require a place for your son or daughter, please contact us by completing this form: [Click here](#)

Where to turn to for help

It's okay to not be okay. We all need someone to talk to sometimes. If you feel overwhelmed, at risk of abuse or experiencing financial need, there are people you can call on for support.

Organisation	Contact details
CALM - If you identify as male, call the campaign against living miserably Available 5pm-midnight every day	Telephone 0800 58 58 58
Helplines partnership , directory of UK helplines	www.helplines.org/helplines/ (link is external)



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<p>Kooth - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Available Monday - Friday, 12pm – 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 6 - 10pm</p>	<p>www.kooth.com(link is external)</p>
<p>Mind - Call, text or email for signposting to support in your area</p>	<p>Telephone 0300 123 3393 Text 86463 Email info@mind.org.uk(link sends e-mail)</p>
<p>Papyrus - Under 35 and struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling. Open weekdays 10am-10pm, weekends and bank holidays 2-10pm</p>	<p>Telephone 0800 068 4141 Text 07786 209 697 Email pat@papyrus-uk.org(link sends e-mail)</p>
<p>Samaritans - To talk about anything that is upsetting you Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year</p>	<p>116 123 (free from any phone) Email jo@samaritans.org(link sends e-mail)</p>
<p>SANEline - If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else. Available 4.30pm–10.30pm every day</p>	<p>Telephone 0300 304 7000</p>
<p>Shout - In a crisis? Anxious? Worried? Stressed?</p>	<p>Text 'shout' for 24/7 text service support 85258</p>
<p>Somali Helpline Advice, family support, counselling, information and signposting Available Monday-Friday 4-9 pm</p>	<p>0800 542 6855</p>
<p>Switchboard - If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you can call Switchboard, open 10am–10pm every day. Phone operators all identify as LGBT+</p>	<p>Telephone 0300 330 0630 Email chris@switchboard.lgbt(link sends e-mail) Webchat https://switchboard.lgbt/help/(link is external)</p>
<p>The Mix (under 25) open Sunday-Friday 2pm–11pm</p>	<p>Telephone 0808 808 4994 Webchat www.themix.org.uk</p>



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We want to continue to work closely with all our students and their families. In this very different time we have found strength in working together. Please do stay safe and take care. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
Headteacher



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