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Dear Parents/Carers

School Closure Update - Monday 1st June 2020

Welcome back to the new half term. I hope you are all well and staying safe. I trust you enjoyed the half term break and managed to enjoy the fantastic weather we had throughout the week.

There is still no news on reopening schools in Wales. We desperately want to return to school and work with our students face-to-face again as we recognise the current online situation is far from ideal. However, we do understand that we can only do this when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we continue with our new normal and provide work online until we know more.

Home Learning

This last half term of the year consists of seven weeks. Our records show that students have work outstanding from the last fortnightly block. Therefore, we have built in "catch up" time this week when we ask our students to complete any outstanding work by this Friday. We must then move on to ensure students continue to learn.

We have divided the remaining six weeks into three fortnightly blocks. Work will once again be available from the website on the Monday at the start of each block. Students will have two weeks to complete work and share with teachers. The dates for each block are:

- Monday 8th June - Friday 19th June
- Monday 22nd June - Friday 3rd July
- Monday 6th July - Friday 17th July

Home Routines

We understand that everybody's home routine is different. However, to support your child structure their home learning, please take a look at a suggested [timetable](#). We have also created [guidance](#) for parents on supporting home learning routines.

At the very least, please can you ensure that your child checks their email everyday and logs on to Google Classroom. Please encourage them to contact their teachers if they need subject support.

Student Contact

As we start the new half term, we feel that it is vital to make individual contact with our students. This week, tutors will send out an email to each student in their form. Please can you make sure that your child responds to the email asap. Some staff may be contacting you via telephone. As they will use their personal mobile, their User ID will be hidden: please endeavour to answer these calls. The aim of the contact is to support your child with home learning and help them with any barriers they may have accessing the work.

Communication

I will continue to write to you every Monday with regular updates on Twitter, Instagram and our website. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns on info@stjuliansschool.co.uk

And finally ...

I can imagine that the novelty of home learning is wearing off for some students. We have missed seven weeks of face-to-face teaching and learning with no end date in sight. We hope the school will return to normality in the not so distant future. I can imagine that over the next few weeks, we will get greater clarity on when and how schools will reopen. In the meantime, thank you for your hard work supporting home learning so far and let's all have one more concerted effort this half term to keep our children learning.

Please keep safe and well.

Your sincerely



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