



Thursday 2nd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents, carers, students and staff for their commitment to Goodwin Academy during these unprecedented times. It has been a rapid learning curve for us all at a time when there are many other pressures outside of the school buildings. Lots of people will be finding these changing times stressful, worrying and overwhelming and we are trying to keep everyone informed as best we can.

As we approach Easter, I wanted to keep you informed of the expectations during the holiday and after. The Academy will remain open during the Easter holiday (9:00am - 2:30pm) to our critical worker and vulnerable students as we have already done so during the last number of weeks. There will be no expectation that the students will complete academic work, but they will have an opportunity to relax and participate in some fun activities, whilst always remembering to follow social distancing guidance.

For the students that are remaining at home, teachers will not be adding work to SMHW and the live learning sessions will be paused for two weeks.

We will commence Term 5 on Monday 20th April and, at that point, the remote learning will start again. The online digital timetable can be found on the Academy website along with a number of parent guides to assist you from home. You can also find on the website a number of other contact details for other key teams such as the safeguarding, wellbeing or network teams who are on hand to help should you need them. Can I remind you that we are not asking you to become home tutors but your support has been greatly appreciated so far and we hope that you find the remote learning experiences useful to ensure your child continues to progress in the future.

Finally, I want to encourage all of our community to continue to look out for one another. The community spirit across Deal and the surrounding area has been wonderful to see. It is crucial at these times that we remain strong and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Evans
Vice Principal