

17th April 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had the best Easter possible in these strange times. Certainly the weather has helped (up until today!) in being able to get outside safely as per the government guidelines.

Thank you for your continued support during the school closure. I appreciate as a parent how difficult it can be to entertain the children at home. Please stay safe and keep in touch.

I would also like to thank my staff for their dedication and team spirit at this time. #ProudToBeAJewell



Daily Art and Exercise Challenge

As per the government guidance, you can take exercise out of the family home for up to 1 hour a day. Why don't you go via the school and see our awesome artwork on the gates and fences.

We also challenge you to paint a pebble and hide it for key workers or others to find.

Send us pictures of your creations and we will try to upload some to the website.



Online Learning and Regular Contact



From Monday 20th April, your teachers will be uploading more work for completion, as the holidays will be over. We will continue to contact you by phone or email at least once a week. If you are experiencing technical problems please email your year group team on their emails. For example, year one would be: year1@jewell-aspirations.org

Parents – do not be overwhelmed – something is better than nothing each day. Routines are important for your children.

Please note that Lexia does not work on Android devices currently.

Free School Meals

The government announced that it would be distributing electronic vouchers to all those entitled to FSM. As you can imagine, the government website has been completely overloaded in the last few days in receiving the emails from the country's schools. I would like to thank Mrs Lowe and all other parties involved in collating the information needed to get these much needed vouchers out to parents at this difficult time. The delays have been with the government website understandably and we hope that by Monday all of you entitled to FSM will have received your online code. Please contact the office on Monday 20th April if you have still not received this.

Communication

Please be aware that the school office and its email is not always manned due to reduced staffing in school. Please leave a message and it will be picked up. Alternatively, you can make contact with your year group team on their emails (format shown above in Online Learning Section).

Latest news can be found on our website: <https://www.jewell-aspirations.org/news-dates/latest-news/> including a letter today from our Managing Director.

Phone calls and/or emails will continue on a weekly basis for all students. Don't forget our new Twitter account: @JewellAAT and watch this space for a new Facebook page too.



On the following Tuesday's (21st April and 28th April) the Jewell Academy Maths House Event will be hosted on TT Rockstars. Mr Garrard has kindly organised a tournament style times table battle between the Houses. The battles will be open for learners to take part anytime between 9am and 3pm on the above dates!