

# COCKBURN SCHOOL

Specialist status in the Performing Arts



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Dear Parent / Carer,

## Re: **Coronavirus update 3rd April**

As we continue into this unprecedented time, we would like to update you with further details of how we are providing support for students so they can continue learning while the school/academy remains closed.

In order to ensure that work is easily accessible for students and parents/carers, we are using our **FROG online learning portal** as the platform to access all work. This can be accessed via the school website and is being used by all subject teachers to set work for students.

### Learning support for your child:

- **A Parental Guide on accessing your child's work, how to structure and support your child's home learning** is now available on the FROG online portal.
- **English and Maths work** has been set for all classes by subject teachers. This is personalised work for your child which can be accessed using the **FROG online learning portal** and is indicated with a red alert symbol.

For English, all KS4 students should be logging on to SENECA every day, KS3 students logging onto SENECA, Reading Plus every school day.

For Maths, all KS4 students should be logging on to MathsWatch every day, KS3 students should be logging onto MyMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars every school day.

- **Subject Work has been set for each subject and each year group** by subject teachers which can be accessed using the FROG online learning portal **Downloadable Home Learning Folder April May**. If you need guidance on how to access this, it is available in the parental guide.

Subject work has been set in an order and should be followed chronologically, for example Task 1, Task 2 or Project 1, Project 2. We believe that the volume of work provided should be sufficient to cover at least six weeks' worth of work for April and May and, in some cases, substantially more. We are currently developing the Home Learning Folder June and July should this situation continue.

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In addition, we have provided the following:

- **High quality learning websites have been selected for all subjects** by teachers and can be accessed in one place using the FROG online learning portal to support any additional learning or research that your child might need to do.
- **A Performing Arts Hub** has been created specifically for Drama, Dance and Music enrichment. Students can watch performances by Northern Ballet, Royal Opera, The National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company as well as learning about professionals in the industry.
- **All students receive a weekly email** to their school email accounts advising them on how to structure their learning, reminding them to complete work and providing the opportunity ask any questions about their learning; student emails will be answered by a team of staff and responses provided during school hours. Any specific subject questions will be forwarded to subject teachers. Please note that during the Easter break, staff will not be available to respond to student questions.

If you do not have internet access for your child, please contact the school reception. We will be able to arrange a Home Learning Work pack for your child to complete. This can take a few days to arrange to get to you, we ask for your patience.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and patience while we have set up this new way of working to support your child's learning. If you have any further questions regarding your child's learning, please email [info@cockburnschool.org](mailto:info@cockburnschool.org) marking the email *Learning Question*.

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