



Castle Donington College

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Dear Castle Donington College Community,

We feel it is important to work as a community and keep connected in the coming weeks. Now, more than ever, we need to keep in touch with those we care for. On my way to College over the last few days, I have noticed pictures of rainbows displayed in windows. This has really cheered me up and I am sure those who are continuing to provide front line services feel the same. Find some time to make and display a rainbow of your own and send a message of hope on behalf of our College. More details can be found here. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-51988671>

Communication

I will endeavour to keep a weekly contact with the College community. This includes children, parents, carers, Governors and staff. The College website will be the main source of information, but do check your email regularly too. Unfortunately, we are unable to respond to messages left on our answerphone and ask you to use postroom@cdcollege.uk for urgent queries. Postroom@ will be checked twice each day (08.00 to 08.30 and 15.00 to 15.30). We will do our best to get back to you, but please do not expect an immediate response.

Home Schooling

I am delighted that so many of you are able to continue with your learning and have risen to the challenge. Our teachers are working hard to ensure you have a steady stream of activities that provide continuity of education. We know this is not the same as being in a classroom at College but it is important that you stick to a daily 'school like routine' and keep learning.

Technology

You may experience issues with technology during the next few weeks. The whole system across the UK is under pressure and it is important not to become frustrated or anxious. You can only do your best. If you are struggling to access work on line, do something else and try again later. Your teachers will understand.

Interactions

We are all having to adjust to a different routine and this isn't easy. Now is the time to be kind, patient and helpful. Look after each other and take time to enjoy time with your family at home as well as time to yourself. Parents and carers do not want to battle with children about schoolwork. We know our students will work hard to do what is expected; to work hard and to the best of their ability. Maintaining positive relationships is essential. Regular breaks and fun activities are important too. Learning how to load a washing machine, perfect a card trick or cook a simple meal is still learning! I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments when we return.

I wish you all well, urge you to follow Government guidelines and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Julie Sheppard
Principal