

8 February 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope that you are safe and well.

Following on from the letter that I sent last week, I am writing to provide the final details in preparation for our 'No Screen Day' that will take place on Wednesday 10th February.

In case you didn't see my previous letter, we have been planning a special 'No Screen Day' which will take place alongside three of our local partnerships schools, The Holme Primary School, Weyford Primary School and Woodlea Primary School. To support the wellbeing of our students, parents, carers and staff at this time we have all agreed to suspend our normal curriculum for one day and instead set a wide range of alternative learning opportunities that our students can engage in without the need to use their screens.

We have produced a work booklet that includes every subject that students have an opportunity study at Oakmoor School. We have also included ideas from our local primary schools as well as additional wellbeing tasks to this list. We hope that by releasing this information now, ahead of Wednesday, it will allow time for your child, and perhaps your family, to select the challenges that they/you are going to take part in. We have also included a separate contents tick sheet to make things a little easier. If you have access to a printer then we would encourage you to print out these two pages so that you can highlight and tick off tasks. To make sure that this information gets out to everyone, we are sending this via parent mail and I have also uploaded the document onto Satchel One – SMHW as a flexible task. I have selected the flexible task option as students will understand that they do not need to submit their work.

Oakmoor students working from home can choose from any of the tasks and should be looking to match the time in a normal working school day by completing 5 hours of challenges. After Wednesday has passed we will return to our normal curriculum. You are of course more than welcome to continue to use the resource if you would like ideas for fun family challenges over the half term break.

Our students who will be on site will complete a timetable of 5x one hour lessons. Please can all students who are currently attending school please wear their PE uniform on Wednesday. They will also need their normal equipment including pens, colouring pencils etc. Students will be given a copy of the tick sheet that they can bring home so that they can talk to you about the tasks that they have completed and can add to them later if you have time.

If this event proves popular amongst our students, families and staff, we will consider planning and including another No Screen Day in the next half term.

I will send out surveys to students, parents/carers and staff later this week to review the term so far. This will allow us to gather further feedback and see how we can continue to work together to improve our provision.

As always, thank you for all of your support. We hope that you will be able to enjoy some of the activities on No Screen Day and that you will be able to enjoy a restful half term when it arrives.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Beere".

Mr A. Beere
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