



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

With Friday being a Bank Holiday we think it is important the whole school community takes a break from work. I have therefore told teachers not to set work for tomorrow.

We have had a fantastic response to our various initiatives over the past few weeks. Firstly there was Earth Day where it was clear that we have some very creative individuals across all year groups. Then we had some brilliant efforts in relation to the 2.6 Challenge and finally we launched the Inter-Form weekly challenge, the first week of which was last week where we received many examples of our students' rainbow pictures. We've placed a montage of some of them on our website [here](#). I think we can be proud that so many of our students wanted to show their support for the NHS and critical workers at this time.

As time goes by we aware it is possible that more families may become eligible for Free School Meals. We were quick at Darrick Wood at setting up a replacement e-voucher system for use in the main supermarkets. If you think you may have become eligible, please do not delay. Make sure you complete the relevant paperwork which is available from the London Borough of Bromley's website [here](#).

We await any government announcements regarding the current closure of schools. Should there be any announcements relating to schools this weekend, then we will study them carefully and see how they will apply to our school and community. I will then be in touch once we know the details and how we will implement any particular plans.

We continue to monitor the setting and completion of school work. We know this can be a real challenge in the home environment. We know that some students are struggling to complete everything. Please reassure them that as long as they are doing what they can and you have seen that to be the case, that is all we can ask of them – they should not worry. Please liaise with Form Tutors or Achievement Coordinators if there are particular difficulties we can help with. Some students are the opposite and have not done enough work. Over time we are building a more accurate picture of this and will provide whatever support we can to help you to help them.

We will continue to reflect on our online teaching and learning. We will want to build on what we have learnt so far and from the experiences of other schools and adapt if schools remain closed in some way in the longer term. In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support – it has been really appreciated during this difficult time.

Whatever you are able to do to this long weekend I wish you all the very best.

Yours sincerely

Dr M J Airey
Head Teacher