



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Social Isolation

Yesterday the government has released new guidance to us all on the action that we can all take in fighting coronavirus. I have included a link to the document below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

There are three key actions in the plan to reduce the spread of the infection that come into force yesterday (23 March 2020).

1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes
2. Closing non-essential shops and community spaces
3. Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public

While I fully understand and support the need for concerted action to tackle the spread of the virus I am also deeply concerned about the social and emotional impact on our young people in the weeks ahead. It is only natural that they may feel lonely at times but as a school I want us to continue to offer whole school activities that can offer a shared purpose and provide active coping mechanisms for our students.

In order to give us all something to look forward to, our next whole school musical will be announced early via twitter this Friday at 9am. Make sure you are following @newentdrama for the big reveal ... you might even see some faces you recognise in costume! After the show has been revealed we will be using twitter to share ways of preparing for auditions and for creating unique crew applications. We are already using the platform to share the excellent home learning students are producing including some fabulous set design work from our KS3 students who have started a project on 'Wind in The Willows'.

In addition this week we are launching a NEW and EXCITING ART COMPETITION for ALL year groups.

The theme this week is 'THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW'

To enter the competition please create a visual response to this theme. It could be in the form of a drawing, painting, photograph, sculpture or mixed media piece. The winning entry will be the most creative and imaginative response.

Please email your images to mmcclay@newent.gloucs.sch.uk using your school email address.

Winning entries will

- be named Artist of the Week – publicised on Twitter and Milk, with an exhibition of winning entries when we return to school
- be awarded a virtual certificate by email and a real one when we return to school
- be awarded an art prize when we return to school

The deadline for entries for this week, **'THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW'** is Sunday 29th March 2020

The benefits of creativity are limitless, and your art teachers at Newent are determined to keep the creative community blossoming. We are very much looking forward to seeing your artwork, sharing it with others and celebrating your success! #getcreating

Warm regards,



Alan Johnson
Principal