



Our regular bulletin will keep you up-to-date with government advice in addition to information you need to know from our school. We are still here to support our students, staff and community at this time. Please follow the government guidance and keep safe.

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

Teachers will not be setting lessons over the Easter holidays and we would encourage all students, parents and staff to have a rest from work at this time. We will be sharing advice and ideas from other students in their weekly bulletin regarding ideas for relaxing and spending their time well. The school will remain open to a small minority of children identified as those of key workers or vulnerable, including the bank holidays. I would like to thank all staff who have volunteered to cover this time in order to support the national effort in tackling the virus.

Mrs V Shelley, Headteacher

## USEFUL LINKS - COVID-19

Latest guidance about COVID-19 can be found [here](#)  
Information about Free School Meals can be found [here](#)  
Information about Exams can be found [here](#) and [here](#)  
Information about Self-Isolation can be found [here](#)  
General FAQ's regarding Covid-19 can be found [here](#)  
Information regarding social distancing can be found [here](#)  
Information about mental well-being help can be found [here](#)

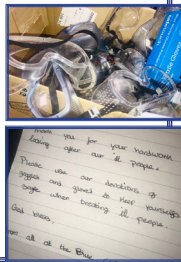
## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God' 2 *Corinthians 1:3-4*

There is a helpful principle here! As we are comforted, so we are to pass on the comfort to others. Just like a relay runner passes on the baton to the next runner, perhaps as someone encourages or comforts us today so we could pass it on to someone else who really needs it too.

## OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE NHS

We wanted to show our appreciation for the NHS, as everyone in the country does, now more than ever. Some of the students gathered together some goggles, plastic gloves and other useful things from the Science Department and sent them to UHCW, along with a letter. Click this [Twitter](#) link to see the story, along with a comment from an NHS nurse.



## HAPPY NEWS!

Just before the end of the last term, some members of the girls' football teams took part in a Schools Games tournament at the Alan Higgs Centre. The Year 9/10 team won all of their matches and went on to win the tournament. They have progressed to the next level where they will represent Coventry East in the county tournament. We do not have a date for this tournament as yet.

The Year 7/8 teams were in two pools. The girls won two games and drew one in the group stages, meaning they won the group. Unfortunately they lost against Stoke in the semi-final and went on to finish 4th.

Mrs Wood and Mr Skelley said "Congratulations to all the girls that took part and good luck in the next round- whenever that might be."



## ADVICE FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Be realistic about what you can do at home. Home learning is not the same as school learning and some children, particularly those with SEND will find work challenging. Try to make sure your routine is varied but planned in advance. Plan in chunks of desk-based learning time followed by more practical learning such as art, music or physical activity.

Give as few instructions at a time and try to make sure instructions are written down or presented visually. There are some teaching tips [here](#) which are aimed at teaching children with addition needs but are useful for helping all parents. [BBC Bitesize](#) contains some interactive activities which may support the curriculum learning being sent home by teachers.

A letter to parents of children with SEND from Vicky Ford MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families, can be found [here](#).

## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

If you are not already one of our many Twitter followers, you may want to become one - we regularly Tweet messages, information, good news stories etc. and not just now, but throughout the year. Click on the logo to be taken to our Twitter page.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS and FOOD BANK

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, you will have received a shopping voucher last week. If you have any queries about free school meals, please click [here](#).

The Coventry Foodbank is open and details for this week can be found [here](#).

## OUR CYBER-EASTER SERVICE

As we are not able to go to Coventry Cathedral for our annual Easter Service, it doesn't mean we won't be having a service! We are currently putting together a service with a difference! Look out for more details in next week's parent/carer Weekly Bulletin!



## INTERNET SAFETY

For advice on how to keep your child safe online, especially now we are working at home, please click the logo.



## USEFUL CONTACTS

So that you and your family are able to contact the school during the time we are not able to see you in person, below are some email addresses which might be useful to you.

- [admin@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:admin@bluecoatschool.com) - for general enquiries and for help with Class Charts.
- [safeguarding@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:safeguarding@bluecoatschool.com) - if you need to get in touch with the Safeguarding Team.
- [send@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:send@bluecoatschool.com) - if you need to contact the SEND Team.
- [pastoral@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:pastoral@bluecoatschool.com) - if you have any pastoral concerns.
- [support@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:support@bluecoatschool.com) - if you have other IT related issues i.e. Office 365 (but not Class Charts).

## TOP TIPS?

We are now into the second full week of school being closed and households having to adjust to being at home together whilst we learn, work and life being a little bit different. Do you have any tips, ideas, advice etc. that you could share with other parents/carers? Maybe a useful website, good app, recipes to share, ways of home-schooling that work well? If so, we would love to hear from you so that we can share them! Please send your ideas by clicking [here](#).