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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to give you some more information about work your child can be doing at home, where appropriate, during the school closure.

Work on SharePoint

Work for children who are staying at home is available on the school SharePoint site and additional work will be added each Monday. To see how to access this work, click on this [link](#) to view a simple YouTube video. Some of the work may require students to upload completed task to their teachers. There is another simple video on how to do this, which you can find [here](#).

We advise students to have a routine of when they are going to do the work. We recommend that they use their school timetable as a guide. For example, if they normally have English, Humanities, Science and MFL on a Monday, they should try to do some work from each of those subjects on that day.

Keeping active

Keeping fit and active is really important for our children and I know that this may now be more difficult for them to do, as outdoor activity becomes more limited and many of the clubs they will belong to outside of school are closed. The link to 'The Body Coach' YouTube channel can be found [here](#), where there is a live streaming of a PE workout at 9am every day. We would encourage as many students as possible to take part in this.

Work for students without access to a computer

We know that some students may find it more difficult to access work online. On the second page of this letter there are a range of learning activities that can be completed without a computer. I will continue to update you with further work than can be done without a computer in the coming weeks. Please also note that some of the tasks that have been uploaded onto SharePoint can be completed 'off line' and therefore can be viewed on a phone or tablet and completed on paper if your child does not have access to a computer.

The BBC is due to provide additional educational programming and I will send details of this to you as soon as I can.

Activities you can do at home without a computer

Read two chapters of a book and summarise what you have read in four pictures.	'Humans are too dependent on technology' Write points for and against this statement. Write a newspaper article, arguing your point of view.	Watch an episode of BBC Newsround each day and write down three things you have learnt about it.	Watch the weather forecast each day and write down tomorrow's weather forecast. Then add some notes the next day about how accurate it was.
Spend 15 minutes a day learning your times tables. Get someone to test you!	Read a non fiction article in a newspaper or magazine and write down the five most interesting things you have learned.	Turn your favourite book into a graphic novel.	Write a diary entry on your thoughts and feelings today. Aim to include three things that you are grateful for.
Play a board game with a family member.	Make and send a card to a relative you aren't able to see at the moment.	Make a scale drawing of a room in your house. Or do one of your whole house!	Create a coded message for someone. Ask them to crack the code and send you a message back.
See if you can calculate how many hours you have been alive.	Design a poster to revisit any topic you have learned this year.	Look out of the window at the street and create a tally chart for the different colour cars you see. Turn the information into a graph.	Design a menu for your family using the ingredients in your fridge / cupboard.
Read a book and then watch the film that has been made about it. Keep a list of the differences between the two whilst you are watching.	Start a diary based on your experience of being at home.	Choose a sentence from an article or book. How many words can you make from the letters in the sentence?	Cook something you've never made before.
Identify a list of spellings that you know you regularly get wrong. You can check your exercise books for feedback if that will help! Make a list of these across all of your subjects. Find out the correct spelling and write them on slips of paper - pop them in a jar. Ask someone at home to test you on these regularly.	Write a letter to a local newspaper explaining why you think climate change is an issue.	Create a leaflet explaining to a primary school student how to plot a line graph.	Read a text (online article or book, for example) and identify five words that you are unfamiliar with. Find the definition of these and learn them. Write two sentences using each of these new words.

Useful websites for home learning

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> This website has a huge amount of material for students at both Key Stage Three and Four.

MyMaths: <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/> This website will be familiar to many of our students and contains activities on all aspects of the maths curriculum. School username is *limehurst* and the School password is *circle*.

Corbett Maths: <https://corbettmaths.com/> This website has videos and worksheets for students to complete at home.

GCSEpod: <https://www.gcsepod.com/> Year 10 students should already be familiar with this site, but it can also be used by Key Stage Three students. There are hundreds of short video pods, covering many aspects of the curriculum. If students have not used it before they should start with this [link](#) and complete their details to set up their account.

I will write to you again with further information about work students can be doing at home during the school closure as it becomes available. Please be aware that we are operating with a very limited number of staff in school. However, if you need to, you can still contact us by telephone between 8.45am and 3.15pm on weekdays, or email us at office@limehurst.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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