



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/ Carer

We are into the first week of the new term, strange as it may seem. Work is continuing to be set and feedback given. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of students completing this work whilst at home, particularly Year 10 students as they will be doing exams in the next academic year. On top of the work that we are setting, the BBC has launched its own education package which can be found here <https://bit.ly/DailyBitesize> and at BBC bitesize <https://bit.ly/BitesizeBBC>.

More resources can be found via the government led scheme "Oak National Academy", information for that can be found here <https://www.thenational.academy/>. I would expect this to be referred to/completed in addition to, rather than instead of, the work that we are setting.

The Department of Education has confirmed that no decision has been made on a timetable for re-opening schools. They reinforced that schools will remain closed until further notice, except for children of key workers and the most vulnerable children. Schools will only re-open when the scientific advice indicates it is the right time to do so.

Regarding free school meals, the second Wonde order has now been issued, with 288 redeemed so far. Can I please emphasise that if you receive an email to redeem a voucher, please use it! Progress on the government's Edenred scheme is being made. You should be seeing some communication shortly regarding these vouchers, however there can be long waits to get onto the website and then waits in between for subsequent emails. As I mentioned last week, this is a frustrating situation and is mostly out of our control however, hopefully by the time I write to you again next week there will be more positive news.

Have a great weekend. Keep safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Nixon
Principal