

# BROADWALK BUZZ

## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter.

In these strange times we have been busy finding new ways to deliver education, care and support to our pupils and their families.

Here you will find important information relating to all aspects of our school community including essential government updates and ideas for educating your child at home.

It is also a way we get to share with you what the staff and students have been up to while working from home.

## Government Advice

Please try to keep up with Government advice – this can be found at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Until further notice you should only go outside for food, work (if you cannot work from home), medicine or for your 1hr daily exercise.

If you do venture outside, please stay 2 meters away from other people and remember to wash your hands as soon as you get home.

## Free School Meals

Those parents of pupils entitled to free school meals will now be aware of the voucher scheme being run by the government. You should receive an email with a link to receive your code.

As you can imagine this system has been inundated and can sometimes keep you waiting in a queue – stick with it and you will get your code.

## Education @ home

Staff at Broadwalk have been busy putting together a number of work packs that have in them lots of fun and interesting tasks and activities from each subject to keep our pupils busy throughout the day so they can keep up with their education. You should be encouraging your child to complete these activities and then, where possible, take photos and send them to the relevant teacher's email (these were supplied on the cover sheet). If we get the evidence, we can then mark it and send it back with comments on how to improve it. We totally understand that you are not teachers and having to home school children is a very daunting and scary thing especially when just motivating them to even start the work can be a task in itself. We have provided some links with advice on educating at home and making sure that physical and mental wellbeing are looked after as well (for both you and your child).



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## Online Learning

As a school we are trying to keep up with the rest of the education sector by investigating, trialling and using a number of online platforms to enable us to keep in touch with our pupils to deliver academic tasks but also to check in with them. So far staff have looked into different ways of 'teaching' online and the best results have come from using Google Classroom. It is simple to sign up by following a few easy steps:



1. create a GMAIL account (Google's email system)
2. Search Google Classroom,
3. Click on the add symbol (+) and type in the code I33wrob

This will give you access to Mr Turton-Ainsworth's English classroom. Here you will have both group and individualised assignments set for you which can be marked and fed back so that pupils can then make changes. You can also email Mr Turton-Ainsworth with any issues or questions you may have. Please, if you have the facility within your household, access Google Classroom. We hope to roll this out to other subjects once we are confident this is working. Thank you to those that have already signed up and are working well. (A Google Classroom step-by-step guide for pupils is also available once they have signed up to explain how to access the various types of assignments and how to use Google Docs).

## Welfare Calls

We are very aware that this is a difficult time for everyone which is why you have been being contacted by either Pat, Tracy, Laura or Matt to make sure you are all ok and that if you need anything we can try and help where possible. Please be aware that although we are not in school, we still have to adhere to strict safeguarding regulations which means that if you do not answer the phone or reply to a text your details may be passed on to social services; part of our job is to make sure you and your family are safe and this is one way we are doing this.



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## Learning Links

Audible – allows you to listen to popular books for free

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Maths Factor – Carol Vorderman offers free maths tutoring

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

Joe Wicks – If you fancy getting active in your own home with o equipment needed Joe Wicks runs a daily, 20-minute PE Lesson for all abilities (trust me you will work up a sweat)

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

BBC Bitesize – the BBC are offering daily lessons for all age groups on their website and through the TV channel.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Oak Academy – many subjects with interactive work that you get instantly marked.

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

RapidFireArt – lots of video tutorials to help the budding artists among you

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RapidFireArt>

Rosetta Stone – try something new and learn a language

<https://www.rosettastone.co.uk/lp/freeforkids/>

## Useful Links:

Support for Parents & Carers:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Kooth

A new **FREE** online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people is now available in Salford.

Kooth provides help for young people aged 11 to 18 years old to support their wellbeing and resilience. Kooth is a web based confidential support service and offers a text based conversation with a qualified counselling and is available from 12noon to 10pm weekdays and 6pm-10pm on weekends 365 days of the year.

This service may be particularly helpful to support young people who may be experiencing increased anxiety during the coronavirus outbreak. If you work with families and young people, or if you know any young people in this age group who are struggling, please let them know about this new free service.

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Citizen's Advice Bureau:

<https://newbroadwalk.salfordpru.org.uk/documents/home/citizens-advice-bureau-leaflet.pdf?5e82dc19>



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