

# Kettlethorpe High School

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## Headteacher Update: Friday 1 May 2020

Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers

As we get to the end of the second week following our return to school after the Easter break, it is surprising how quickly the days fly by. All of us are involved in different ways of working and it has taken both a degree of organisation and strong will to establish and maintain new routines. At some stage, we will all return to our normal ways of working.

From what is being reported in the press, we are expecting to hear advice and guidance next week from the government as to how schools may start to return to work. We will keep you updated on progress around this key issue.

The school has received a lot of positive feedback from families, both around the timetabled work plans, and also the Showbie platform. Very well done to everyone for engaging with the home learning offer. It really has been impressive.

New plans for next week will go live for Monday morning. These will include embedded website links to additional resources.

We are also increasing the number of subjects using Showbie. From next week, subjects using Showbie will be: English, science, art, geography, and KS4 RE. We intend to see additional subjects involved the week after next.

At the end of next week, we will also be launching a short parent/carer questionnaire to get your feedback on home learning. This will allow us to further refine our offer here.

For parents/carers of key workers, do please continue to use the online booking system to pre-book places for your children. This allows school to plan lessons and teacher requirements. We are averaging between 15-25 pupils a day, currently. The booking link is: [http://kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/covid\\_form/](http://kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/covid_form/)

Please note that the school will be closed next Friday (08 May) for the VE Bank Holiday.

Over the last week, the school has undertaken 43 home visits and made 580 phonecalls. It really has been great talking to pupils and finding out about what has been going on and how you are managing the coronavirus situation.

This week, I came across a very interesting website link to The National Gallery called 'You bring the tea, we'll bring the art'. This had three short videos, one of which talked through why John Constable's 1821 painting 'The Hay Wain' was so ground breaking at the time. I learnt a lot. ([www.national gallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk))

Do please continue to keep in touch with the school if you have any questions or concerns. It is important that we do as much as we can, together, to remove the threat of coronavirus in our community.

To conclude, with the words of Henri Matisse (1869-1954), the famous French artist, 'there are always flowers for those who want to see them'.

Keep optimistic and very best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

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