



## **STAY SAFE – KEEP LEARNING – ACCELERATE PROGRESS**

To all our Children and Young People,

In most stories you read, there is always a problem to be overcome or solved and while that can be tricky or testing, the characters learn to adapt and make changes so that there is hopefully a happy ending. This is what we are experiencing right now. We have a problem; it is called the Corona Virus or Covid 19 or C19; the whole country is trying to overcome it; the doctors and the nurses are trying to tackle it head on. Many others have key responsibilities in keeping the country safe and functioning, all together helping to solve this problem. When the problem is over, we will all be able to come back together again as friends, schools and communities.

We all have an important part to play in this tale. Schools will be different for a while; you may not even go to school for a period of time but complete your studies at home. Your parent /carer /guardian will keep you safe at home and do their best to encourage and support your home learning. Your role now is to know that sometimes your carer may have their own work to do, so try to remember everything you have learned about independence and do things for yourself where you can.

Everyone in the country has something called a 'collective responsibility' to help solve this problem. It is like when a group of characters join forces to defeat 'President Snow' in The Hunger Games. Our mission is to follow the national advice which is around staying at home (whilst continuing your education); keep social distancing and regularly wash your hands; all encapsulated in the latest slogan "**STAY HOME - PROTECT THE NHS - SAVE LIVES**". If we succeed in our mission and remember our collective responsibility, then hopefully our happy ending will come sooner rather than later.

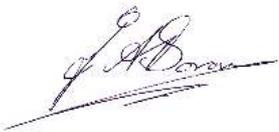
Virtual School Kent has worked with people from all over the country to develop a Home Learning Booklet which can be accessed through your Kent Cares Town website <https://kentcares town.lea.kent.sch.uk/> . It is important to note that all the work in these booklets **do not** replace the work set by your schools, but they are in addition, to help accelerate your academic progress. The website has a wealth of information for you, with links on the home page to a Primary; Secondary; 16+ Transitions and an UASC version of the Home Learning Booklets. The booklets have information and top tips around how to set yourself up for effective home learning as well as loads of links to educational websites that can help enrich the work that the school has set you to complete. Please also spend time exploring the website as you will find lots of great

activities including a music channel; VLOGS; E-Life Hacks; boredom busters and so much more.

We are currently reviewing those of you that have no IT equipment whatsoever and are actively looking to resolve this over the next few weeks. In addition to this over the summer term you will all have your Personal Education Plans (PEPs) reviewed by my service as you are all constantly in our thoughts as we strive to help you achieve your own personal best.

**Stay safe.**

**Best wishes**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Doran', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Tony Doran**

**Headteacher VSK**