

Weekly Communication update 19/03/21

Dear families,
Welcome to this week's Communication update.

General update	The children have had a really great week this week and are all so settled. Please remind them to wear their PE kit on the days they have PE. Please ensure that Kidwizz accounts are settled before your child has a meal. Please note that on Weds March 31st the Chef will be providing a cold meal only.
Home Test kits	Thank you to all those who attended the Home Testing Zoom session yesterday. Your child will have either brought home their test kit yesterday or will be bringing it home today. Please ensure that you test your child twice per week - on Sunday evening and on Wednesday evening and report the result using the details in the leaflet. You must also test your child during the Easter break. Only tell us if the result is positive.
Year 11 Work Experience	If your child is in Year 11 please ensure you have read the letter from Mrs Sue Card, Work Experience Coordinator which was sent out via email to Year 11 families yesterday.
Parent/Carer Workshop and Coffee morning	The Therapy Team is running a Behaviour that Challenges Workshop on March 25th, 9.30am-11am. Workshop outline is below: <i>Sometimes our children's behaviour can look different when at home compared to school. In this workshop we will look at behaviour that can challenge when we are at home and in the community and compare teenage behaviour and challenging behaviour together to empower families to be able to confidently support their child's development and behaviour outside the school setting.</i> The office has emailed the link to all families. Ms Byrne is offering an Online Safety coffee morning on Weds March 24th at 11.30am - she will introduce our new online support offer to you. Link to follow.
Laptops	Thank you to families who have sent school laptops back - if you have yet to do so can you please prioritise this. Your child can return the laptop to school - you do not have to make a special journey to do so.
Easter and May catch-up programme	I have organised a catch-up programme during the Easter holidays and May half term break. The details were emailed to you earlier in the week via email. Please email anne-marieabalo@croydon.gov.uk if you would like your child to attend. Deadline is 4pm today. Thank you.
Kooth online counselling service	Kooth is offering a counselling and wellbeing service for young people to support them now that they have returned to school. This is a free online service that any family can access for their child. Please see the information that has been sent via email.
Key Dates	Easter finish - 1.15pm on Wednesday March 31st. Summer term begins for pupils Monday April 19th.
After School Clubs	Week beginning April 19th, clubs will be running in mixed bubbles. Running clubs in single Year groups bubbles hasn't worked as we have not had the demand we need to justify running many of the clubs. I will be writing to you at the start of next week with the details.
Science and Engineering Day	On Friday, 26 March 2021, the pupils will be involved in Science and Engineering Day. They will create, discuss, measure, and record their observations. Later in the day, some students will take part in a series of demonstrations designed to inspire them to explore new concepts, encourage discussion, and generate excitement. Science and Engineering Day at Bensham Manor has always been about excitement, creativity, and enjoyment.