

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware the Prime Minister has announced that schools will open, at the earliest from March 8th. However at the moment we do not know if this means for all year groups, nor do we know what the arrangements for this will be. As you are aware we went out into the community last week to give out generic resources to support our students.

At Ormiston Rivers Academy we are committed to ensuring our students continue to achieve during remote learning. To alleviate this our school bus will be visiting the villages of the Dengie in order to distribute books, pens and pencils as well as sanitary wear. We are also aware of the challenges this can cause in some of the practical subjects like Technology. Therefore, this Friday 5th February, we will be using our minibus to give out materials that will be needed for practical technology lessons for Key Stage 3 students (years 7, 8 & 9). If you are unable to collect these from the staggered points throughout the Dengie (see below), you will also be able to collect the packs from the main reception next week. We currently have a total of 100 of each pack to give out on Friday, please only pick one up if you do not have the materials at home (list below). Should we run out, more packs will be available from school later in the following week. We will also have further supplies of exercise books and sanitary ware on the minibus, should you require these.

Collection points / Times:

1. Burnham - Coop car park 10.40 - 11.00
2. Southminster - King George Playing Fields 11.15 - 11.30
3. Southminster - Queen's head 11.40 - 11.55
4. Tillingham - Village Green (opposite Fox & Hounds) 12.10 - 12.25
5. Bradwell Village - Church car park (behind the pub) 12.35 - 12.50
6. St Lawrence - Park car park 1.05 - 1.20
7. Steeple - Sun and Anchor Pub car park 1.35 - 1.50
8. Mayland - Outside Hardy's 2.05 - 2.20
9. Latchingdon - Park car park 2.35 - 2.50
10. Cold Norton - Opposite Norton pub 3.05 - 3.20
11. Althorne - Recreation ground, Summerhill 3.35 - 3.50

Engineering packs include:

- 1 x 30cm BBQ wood skewers
- 1 x 40mm diameter cardboard or wooden wheel
- 1 x 20mm diameter cardboard or wooden wheel
- A selection of rubber bands
- 1 metre of string
- 60 x paper straws

Textiles packs include:

1 x piece of calico cut to size for a mask  
2 x 30cm pieces of elastic  
A variety of felt samples in different colours  
1 x sharp needle  
1 x embroidery needle  
1 x reel of thread  
1 x hank of embroidery thread  
A few buttons  
A few practice samples of calico.

Art packs include:

1 x watercolour paints kit  
2 x paintbrushes

If you already have these materials at home, please use these instead.

I very much hope these curriculum packs will help support your child/children with their progress in Technology.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "E" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Emma Baker  
Principal