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Dear Colleague

### **Schools VSK and PPE**

As we reach the end of another eventful and challenging week I want to reiterate my thanks to all schools for their efforts, particularly over the last fortnight, in making provision available for those who need it. I really do hope you are all able to switch off and relax for at least a couple of days as it does feel like things have moved twice as fast as usual of late with constant updates and guidance being received from various sources throughout each working day.

That said, before we move into the weekend, I do want to make you aware of some helpful information. Some of which can be of benefit to students and some to front line, critical workers.

Firstly, Virtual School Kent (VSK) have produced an informative letter to all of the young people they support which will be issued next week. The letter provides reminders on how all young people can help in the fight against Corona Virus. It also provides them with a link to web booklets which are phase appropriate that provide advice and lots of academic resources for young people to do at home.

The four booklets are for Primary age, Secondary age, post 16 and Asylum Seeking young people. In addition there are e-life hacks and boredom buster activities. All of this is on the Kentcaretown website, the link to which can be found in the letter from VSK which can be accessed here:

[https://www.kelsi.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/106615/Letter-from-VSK-to-Carers-3-April-2020.pdf](https://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/106615/Letter-from-VSK-to-Carers-3-April-2020.pdf)

Continuing on the theme from yesterday's letter, regarding mutual aid and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), I have been made aware that across the country, schools and other organisations have been extremely pro-active in producing PPE, such as goggles and visors through innovative methods like laser cutting and 3D printing.

I am genuinely amazed that schools, during such difficult times, have continued to look at the bigger picture and have gone to these lengths to support front line

workers in the community. Colleagues from Swale Academies Trust have kindly provided me with links to the templates they have used to produce face visors, in the hope that it may inspire other Secondary Schools to utilise their hardware to possibly produce similar equipment. The links are as follows:

<https://community.andmirrors.co.uk/t/covid-19-laser-cut-face-shield/168/45>

<https://www.prusaprinters.org/prints/27267/files>

If you feel you are able to do this, please let Louise Butfoy [louise.butfoy@kent.gov.uk](mailto:louise.butfoy@kent.gov.uk) know and she can co-ordinate collection of any items you produce.

I hope you all have a calm and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Dunkley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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