

We are living in unprecedented times, at a time of real social history - history that you will tell your own children about in years to come and which future generations will learn about from textbooks, based on eye-witness testimony from people who lived during the times - people like YOU!

This is where you come in. As a history teacher I am asking you all as fellow historians to keep a diary about your experiences of the Coronavirus pandemic - your experience of daily life, your thoughts and feelings about the current situation and how its impacting upon the way you live, your family, friends and relatives.

How you keep the diary is up to you. You might write a short entry each day, or a weekly entry or an entry when you think something important, unusual or interesting happens. The format of the diary is also up to you. You might have a small notebook, or pieces of paper assembled together or a word document. What you write is up to you. It could be facts, opinions or the views of other people, either from your direct experience or something that you have seen on TV or the thoughts and feelings of people you are in touch with on social networking or blogging sites.

The pandemic is serious, as a young historian this is a genuine opportunity to take careful note of the world around us and to record what we see, feel, hear and experience as a form of living testimony (memory). You will be producing primary source material in the writing of your diaries.

Think of the times we have looked at primary sources in history lessons and I've asked to you consider what you can infer from a picture, newspaper article or written source. What message do these sources tell us events from the past.

In years to come what messages or inferences will people glean from our current social media memes?



A great many people will live and experience this time in different ways. I would really like to see and read your experiences on your return to school when we re-open. Even if you're not intending to return (year 11) please do share/email your diaries to me so we can share our experiences as a whole school community.