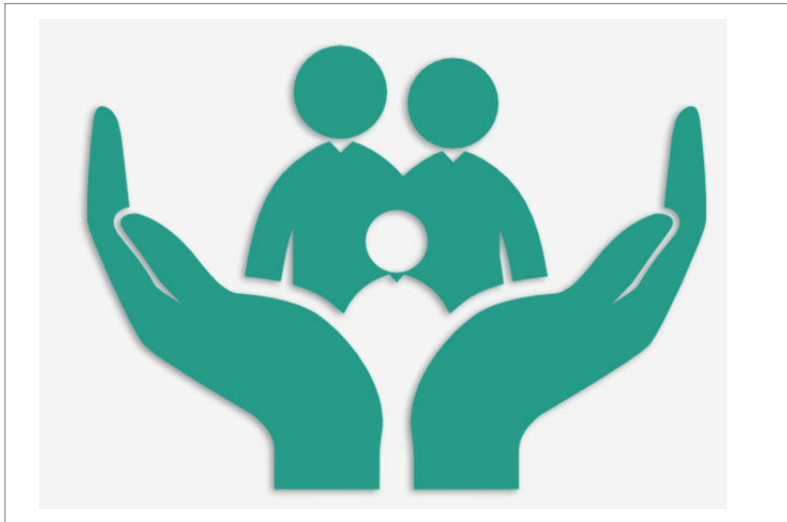




The Thomas Aveling School



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In these difficult times it is easy to forget about what our impact on the Environment is and also about our own mental health and wellbeing. To tackle this, we have been working on putting together a series of community projects at Thomas Aveling. Our aim is to help improve how eco-friendly we are at Thomas Aveling and also help our students and the wider community with their mental health and wellbeing, looking at a range of activities from running a Canned Food Drive and Clothing Bank Drive along with setting Community based challenges to help keep people fit and healthy both physically and mentally. Below we have a selection of projects we will be running for this purpose:

Ring Pull Collection Competition - We are collecting Ring Pulls for the charity Purple Community Fund and would like all your old ring pulls from your canned foods and drinks- collect as many as you can and we will tally up the takings for your form each term- there will be House points awarded to the winning House and Form! For more info on the charity please follow this link <https://www.p-c-f.org/get-involved/>

TA Pen Pal Mentorship would you like to make a difference in the TA Community? Sign up to our Pen Pal Mentorship scheme where we will pair you with another student to look out for during these tough times.

Canned Food Drive- we are collecting canned foods to donate to TA's local food bank. If you are fortunate enough to be in the position to donate, anything will be welcome.
Clothing bank Drive- we are also collecting old clothing items to donate to our local clothing banks, this includes old TA uniforms that you no longer require.



#TACommunityChallenge/Lock Down Challenges - Please keep an on the TA Facebook page for our TA Community and Lock Down Challenges where we will ask you to take part in challenges involving: cooking/baking, crafts, gardening, exercise and DIY which we will then give a shout out on the Facebook page to the entries we receive!

Teams Videos

After making our way through three lock downs, our teachers, students and parents have excelled at taking on the challenge of online learning using Microsoft Teams. This has been a big learning curve for everyone in understanding how we can re design assessment and learning activities in a way to ensure no child is left behind. With this quickly becoming the new way of working, there is still a long way to go in terms of utilising online learning to the best of our ability. To help support with this, we are putting together a series of support videos to help parents support their child in the best way possible with their online learning.

Below is an outline of videos we will be putting together and adding to our Teams guidance page to help take parents through how to overcome the typical barriers and challenges they and their children have faced:

- How to read assignments and their deadlines
- How to ensure work is uploaded and turned in to assignments
- How to use the class notebook to write lesson notes and complete activities.
- How to view and organise Teams Calendar.
- How to catch up on a missed online lessons.
- How to access and install Microsoft Office 365 software at home.
- How to access one drive at home.
- Online Safety for Parents

