

## Social History in Action!

We are living in unprecedented times, at a time of real social change, with lots of stories that we will eventually tell our own children and grandchildren one day! Future generations will learn about this from textbooks, like you do now!

**As you know, primary evidence in history is incredibly important for us to be able to do our research as Historians. We rely on people who lived through these times and right now – those people are YOU!**

### What to do:

**This is where you come in, we would like you to keep some evidence about your experiences of this Coronavirus pandemic that could one day be used by historians for research about this aspect of social history.** This can be your experience of daily life, how you are feeling, and your thoughts about the current situation. What changes has it made to your life? How is it impacting the way you live, your family, friends and relatives?

How you record your evidence is up to you. You might like to write a short diary entry every day or week, or recording something when you think it is important, such as government updates or new rules that are enforced. You could complete this by hand or digitally. Alternatively, you might like to keep an online blog. What you write is also up to you and how you record it is entirely up to you. Your evidence can be facts from current information, such as statistics of who is affected etc., or you could include your thoughts and opinions about the current situation. You could even paint a picture or take a picture on your camera! Perhaps of supermarket queues? The one way system at school? Paintings and pictures are primary sources too!

**Remember to write sensibly and avoid any discriminatory or inappropriate language.**

To put in perspective how important your evidence would be, consider that we would not know anything about the Great Fire of London had we not had Samuel Pepys diary entries! It is considered one of the most **important** diaries in the English language, offering a detailed account of critical historic events but also an insight into daily life in 17th century London. If he hadn't kept a diary we wouldn't know that during Great Fire of London he buried his best Parmesan cheese in the garden!

This pandemic is a serious global event in history and it is not to be made light of. This is a genuine opportunity to record the world around us so one day people can understand the changes that we are going through. You are producing your own primary source material!

When we return to school, we will be able to collect all of this evidence and compare experiences, whilst creating an archive of useful primary sources.

Enjoy!! 😊

