

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**08/04/2020**

Each time we write a letter to parents we have new information so there are some things I thought it would be useful to share with you. We will provide the latest information we have under the same headings as our last letter on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **General Information**

Although there have been no announcements about dates and timelines, we assume that the current arrangements are going to continue for an extended period after Easter. As well as checking your email please continue to check the school website for updates as we receive them.

On Tuesday this week, we were pleased to deliver 300 pairs of safety goggles and other items of PPE to West Middlesex Hospital to help protect frontline NHS staff as they care for patients with this awful virus. The hospital was very grateful for the school's help.

### **Next Steps for pupils in Years 11 and 13**

There was an announcement on Friday from Ofqual, the national exams regulator, about its plans for awarding grades to students in Years 11 and 13. There is an overview guidance document for schools, parents, carers and students which can be found [here](#) and a separate letter to students from Ofqual which can be found [here](#). At this stage, we would request that you do not contact the school or teachers to ask questions about the process. We will contact you with information at the appropriate time.

### **Trips, Visits and Work Experience**

A number of the trips that we had planned for the summer term will be rearranged at a later date. However, some trips have been cancelled and we will contact parents/carers about refunds when we have had the individual claims for each trip approved.

### **Free School Meals**

As we reported in our last letter, Hounslow have joined the eVoucher scheme that is due to start from 6<sup>th</sup> April. We recognise that some families' circumstances will have changed because of the current crisis. If you think you may now be eligible to receive free schools meals but have not yet registered please apply via this link:

[https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools\\_and\\_colleges/61/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/61/free_school_meals)

The school will be notified once your application has been approved.

## Arrangements for Learners who are not in School

No new work is going to be provided for this week and next week as we think it is important for our staff and your families to have a proper break. There will be further communication about work for learners when term starts again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

If you are a key worker and your family circumstances change in the coming weeks, meaning you need to discuss accessing in-school provision for your child(ren), you should contact us by e-mail as outlined at the end of this letter. We want to help support our key worker families however we can during this challenging period, although the clear advice is that children should remain at home and attending school must be seen as a last resort if you have no alternative.

## Arrangements for Learners who are in School

We will continue to provide support in school for those who need it 5 days per week, every week, for as long as we need to. This does not include Good Friday and Easter Monday.

## Emergency Contact

The School e-mail address is: [admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk) so please also make use of that if you have a general query or concern or if you are unable to contact your child(ren)'s teacher or Head of Year directly. It is being monitored every day.

Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and well and we hope that all who celebrate Easter have a happy time.

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