

## **General Information**

There are still many unanswered questions and it is a time of great uncertainty for all of us. We have no indication of how long the current state of lockdown and closure is going to continue but we are planning on the assumption that it is going to go on for at least several weeks from now. Thank you for the many positive e-mails in the last couple of weeks – they have boosted staff morale. As well as checking your email please check the school website for updates.

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

For families with children in Year 11 and 13, we have been told that there will be further announcements and clarification about the arrangements for awarding grades for the assessments and exams that they will now not be taking. We will consider the guidance and advise parents and students in good time.

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

There is uncertainty about all activities planned for the remainder of this academic year. We have already cancelled any visits and trips that were due to take place in March and April and will provide updated information for May, June and July as soon as we have greater clarity.

### **Free School Meals**

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**

I hope that some kind of routine has been established in the first two weeks of not being in school in relation to learning. Please do not worry if it is taking time for (you and) your child(ren) to adjust to home learning. This is a new way of working for all of us. All learners have been given instructions about how to access online learning resources and each year team will send out revised information which will commence after the Easter break. Please contact school in the usual way if your son/daughter has not received anything.

No new work is going to be provided for the 2 weeks which would have been the Easter holidays 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 update. 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**

Our intention is 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 and Absence Line**

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.

### **Senior Management Team**

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