

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**18/06/2020**

## **General Information**

It has been lovely to be able to welcome pupils from Year 10 and 12 back into the school this week. Our focus for face to face contact with pupils this term is to support home learning. It is important that we and you try to avoid putting pressure on the young people by constantly talking about the need to catch up or referring to being behind with their work. We recognise that some pupils will have been struggling with the idea of returning to school and completing courses. Representations are being made nationally about arrangements for next summer's exams, in particular for current Years 10 and 12.

Understandably, some parents and carers have been in touch to ask about arrangements for other year groups after the summer. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government about expectations for September and whether all year groups will be in school for part or all of the time. We will let you know about plans for September as soon as the Government lets us know what its expectations are. In the meantime we will continue to provide a combination of in-school provision and home learning.

## **In-School Provision for Year 10 and Year 12**

The timetables for next week were emailed to you with last week's letter and are also posted on the school website. Please remember the following important points:

- If your child has coronavirus symptoms, or there is someone in the household who does, they must not attend school but please inform the school as soon as possible.
- Please encourage your child to regularly wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, and bring some alcohol hand sanitiser with them to school
- Please remind your child to maintain a 2 metre distance from friends as he/she walks to and from school.
- Pupils are allowed to wear 'Summer Uniform'. Essentially this means a shirt and black trousers/skirt for Year 10 pupils and smart casual clothing for Year 12. There is no need to wear a blazer/jacket and tie. Pupils should wear their normal school shoes.
- Parents and any guests, are not permitted on the school grounds unless they have a pre-arranged appointment.

**If your child is scheduled to attend a session and cannot attend, or if you have any questions, please use the following email:**

**[admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk)**

We will have limited staff managing phone calls. Please state your son / daughter's full name and tutor group in the subject and the reason for absence from school if appropriate.

**If your child has coronavirus symptoms, or there is someone in their household who does, they must not attend school and following government advice regarding obtaining a test and isolating.**

More information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## **Arrangements for Learners when they are not in School**

We must stress that the government have asked secondary schools to offer this face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, which will remain the predominant mode of education during this term for pupils in these year groups.

We have had a good response from pupils submitting work to their teachers. Can we please ask you to continue to monitor your son / daughter's work, to ensure that they are up to date. Pupils can submit work by taking photos of their work and emailing this to their class teacher for feedback. If there are any issues, which prevent your son / daughter completing their work, can we please ask for them to inform their teachers.

Your son / daughter should aim to complete up to an hour of work per subject, each day. In total, no more than 4 hours. For example, 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours after lunch. In every year group, teaching staff will be available for pupils to ask any questions or to submit work for feedback, electronically. They can either take photos using their phone to submit or to scan work to be sent to individual teachers. Please ensure that pupils use their school email account.

**Form tutors are emailing their tutees every week to check on their progress. Please could you encourage your child(ren) to reply and maintain contact with their tutor.**

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

We have taken the decision to cancel all trips and visits for the remainder of the academic year. We will contact parents/carers about refunds when we have had the individual claims for each trip approved.

## **Free School Meals**

Supermarket vouchers will continue to be provided under the national scheme for the rest of the term. As you have probably seen on the news, the Government have now agreed to provide vouchers over the summer holiday as well which is excellent news.

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 in School

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.

## Emergency Contact

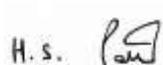
The School e-mail address is: [admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk) so please also make use of that if you have a general query or concern or if you are unable to contact your child(ren)'s teacher or Head of Year directly. It is being monitored every day.

As well as checking your email please continue to check the school website for updates as we receive them.

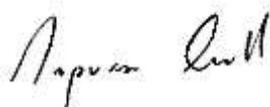
Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and well.

## Senior Management Team

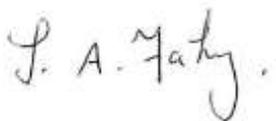
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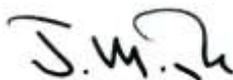
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