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Dear Parent/Carer

Clearly the Spring Term has not started in the way that we had hoped. The national closure of schools will last until at least the February Half Term and currently nobody, including the Government, is ruling out the possibility it may be even longer. Whilst the School recognises the difficulties in supporting home learning, as parents' juggle with their own work commitments, it is important we set clear expectations. Please be assured we will do all we can to support you in this process.

Heston Community School's Remote Learning Arrangements:

- Students will be taught their normal timetable remotely, with the exception of Core PE, KS3 Dance and Drama
- All students are expected to log-in via Microsoft Teams and remain engaged in learning throughout the day, including Form Time
- Where a teacher is unavailable due to illness, students will be informed by email and work will be made available on Satchel One [formally SMHW]
- Students in Years 7-10 will not be set homework, other than to complete work/tasks that were not completed during lesson time
- All students will be contacted periodically to discuss their welfare, attendance and engagement with the online learning.

Helping your child at home:

- Where possible, provide a workspace with all necessary equipment and stationery
- Familiarise yourself with your child's timetable - we are sticking to the School day
- Establish a routine for getting up in the morning and going to bed at night
- Try to provide the opportunity for some fresh air and exercise
- Encourage your child by recognising their positive attitude and their effort - and challenge it if it dips below expectations.

Supporting children of Critical Workers/ Vulnerable students

Once again, the School will remain open for the small number of vulnerable students and children where a parent/carer is a keyworker. It is important to point out that the programme of study at School will be identical to that provided online.

If your child falls into one of these categories, and you wish for your child to attend school, you must email info@hestoncs.org by Wednesday 20 January 2021. The School will then make the necessary arrangements for your child to attend from Monday 25 January 2021.

Staying Safe

The safest place for children is at home. Hounslow Public Health COVID statistics show that the rate of infection is worryingly high. The new variant of COVID-19 is far more transmissible requiring us all to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.



The School will do all it can to keep in touch with you and your family during this challenging time. We will continue to adapt our teaching resources and keep children engaged with their learning.

We fully understand the stress and anxiety that students and parents are feeling at this time. We will keep you informed of developments in assessments and examinations, as and when they become available.

I would like to thank everyone in our community once again, for the support they have shown the School.

Yours faithfully

M. O'Hagan.

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Deputy Headteacher