

11th January 2021

Dear Parents\Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well and that the children are able to keep engaged with their remote learning. I do appreciate that this is a challenge and whilst I am grateful for all the messages of support and thanks for the provision that we have been able to put in place I know that it is a challenge for families at home.

Remote Learning

In our first lockdown we provided broad overviews of the learning that was taking place at Key Stage 3 and from your feedback we know that these proved to be very helpful to students and parents. We are thus assembling these overviews again, this time for all year groups, and you will find these appearing on the website [here](#) in the next few days.

It is our intention during this period of lockdown to get 'live' lessons delivered to your child as a default. As mentioned previously, we know that this is not always possible, however I have been really pleased our staff have worked really hard to make this happen so that currently most students are getting five lessons a day live. We hope that this reduces the burden on families to become home educators. We will continue to develop this provision.

Please continue to alert Mr Ashman (tas@hws.haringey.sch.uk) if you have any issues regarding access to the remote learning and Ms Chaudhri (sci@hws.haringey.sch.uk) with any concerns regarding the content or provision.

Covid-19 Testing

We are continuing to prepare the roll out the government's Covid-19 testing programme and have now put some of the key information about this on the school website. It is voluntary, and though we hope all of our HWS families will want to participate we do not really know what the take up will be. We are therefore asking all families to indicate whether they will want to participate. This does not commit you to anything, but will help us in our planning. Please visit [this survey](#) to let us know whether you are likely to want to have your child tested at school. Click [here](#) for more information about the initiative.

Information and Parents' Evenings

I am looking forward to the Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday, and the Year 11 Parent' Evening the following week. Both these will be virtual and thus not quite as we would want them to be. But I do hope they will be successful and would like to thank Ms Chaudhri and Mr Hartley respectively for the work they have already put into this. The families of those in the relevant year groups will be contacted about these events separately.

Highgate Wood School Student Council supports individual action to address the issues of Climate Change and promotes the United Nations top 10 recommendations.



5-minute showers



Drive less



Lights off



Local produce



Recycle



Meat-free meals



Zero-waste fashion



Unplug



Refill and reuse



Bring your own bag

With the growing number of positive test results in London, and the strain this is putting on the National Health Service, we anticipate that there may be increased restrictions put on families in the coming days. Should this impact on what we are doing as a school I will let you know. We are also continuing to work on the impact that the changes to the examination process will have this year. Again, I will alert you when there is something definite that we can report.

In the meantime, do take care and keep safe.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cozier', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Patrick Cozier
Headteacher