

17th January 2021

Dear Parents\Carers,

As we begin the third week of this lockdown I would like to again extend my thanks to all the messages of thanks and support families have sent to myself and to my staff. These make a huge difference to staff morale and reminds us that, even in these very difficult times, the Highgate Wood School community is able to work together and support each other in our common goals of giving the children the best experiences we can.

Remote Learning

As mentioned in my letter last week, we have assembled remote learning overviews which will help you to see what is happening in the various subjects. Those overviews are available [here](#). Can I please remind you that your child should be logging into Google Classrooms every morning and clicking the registration assignment in their year group's classroom. Then they are able to attend their tutorial session and the lessons for the day as per their timetable (the coming week is Week One). I would like to remind you also that they must login with their school google account, which is the one ending @hws.uk.com. If they attempt to join with a different account they will be refused. This is an important safeguarding measure to ensure that only those who are authorised can join online sessions.

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 have now begun the government's Covid-19 testing programme with the students attending "small school." It has gone extremely smoothly and gives reason to feel confident that it will be successful with the much larger whole-school cohort when schools do resume. In advance of that I would request that you visit [these pages](#) on the school website for information and give consent for your child to be tested by following [this link](#). We will provide more details of how everything will work once the government has communicated exactly when and how students will be returning to school.

Attendance during lockdown

Please be aware that attendance is being recorded in a different way during this period of school closure. All students are marked with an X which means they are not required to be in school (other than those who are attending "small school"). This is the "official" recording of their attendance. The register that we ask students to tick in the morning, and the registers that their

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5-minute showers



Drive less



Lights off



Local produce



Recycle



Meat-free meals



Zero-waste fashion



Unplug



Refill and reuse



Bring your own bag

teachers take during the lesson, are for our internal purposes – so we are able to identify concerns and follow up where necessary.

Year 11 and Examinations

In advance of the Year 11 Parents' Evening this Tuesday, we invited Year 11 families to a webinar to discuss the possible arrangements for this years' exams. It was well attended and the general feedback that we received was positive and that those who attended found it useful.

Unfortunately, we were only able to share what we know right now, but once there is clearer guidance from the government and Ofqual, myself and Mr Hartley will hold another seminar to update you. A video of that webinar is now available to all on the school website, as is the video of the extremely well attended Year 9 Options Information Evening held earlier in the week.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the avenues for support online that you may find useful.

Mental Health Support

www.kooth.com

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.mind.org.uk

Online Safety

www.childnet.com

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.saferinternet.org.uk

Haringey Support

[General Support](#)

[Free School Meals](#)

Wishing you all the best for the coming week.

Take care and stay safe

Regards



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