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Dear parents, carers and students,

I very much hope that this letter finds you all safe and well.

Key worker supervision Monday 20th April – Friday 1st May.

The Government has made it clear that their expectation is that “If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be” (Key Principle 1). The “Stay At Home” message is being continuously reinforced and strengthened by the government and we would ask parents to respond to this, particularly in light of the age and maturity of our students.

The Government guidance published 19th March, states, “Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be”. Furthermore, the Local Authority have instructed us that key worker parents must provide evidence of key worker status through employment ID or a letter from their employer. The details and key worker form remain on the homepage of the school website (under useful links, Covid-19).

If key worker parents wish to send their child to school during the fortnight of Monday 20th April – Friday 1st May, please email the School enquiries email **no later than Thursday 16th April**. Parents need to register that they would like their child to attend during this fortnight but note they can (as per the arrangements explained below) withdraw attendance on particular days as we appreciate that this makes it slightly easier for parents working shift patterns.

If parents wish to withdraw their child from attending during this first fortnight, please do the following:

- Inform us if at all possible, by 3pm the day before withdrawal and no later than 9am on the day the child does not attend.
- If the child is unwell and unable to attend, please notify us before 9am as per the normal absence procedures.

School Transport.

If key worker parents rely upon school transport, please read the following from the Local Authority very carefully:

“After Easter, please contact us if your child will be attending school on different days or not at all so that transport can be changed as required. This includes any new eligible children that start to attend schools or colleges. Please note it may take up to five days for transport arrangements to be made in such circumstances.”

The Transport Team can be contacted via TSG@lincolnshire.gov.uk or 01522 782020.

Year 11 and Year 13.

Mrs Haunch contacted all of Year 11 and Year 13 via letter on 6th April 2020 with further information regarding Ofqual’s announcements on Friday 3rd April. Her letter can be found via the home page of the school website.

The Ofqual documents can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

Student work.

The phase two work for the fortnight of **Monday 20th April – Friday 1st May** will be available on the school website no later than Monday 20th. It is likely that students are progressing through the work at a quicker rate than they might have in a typical one-hour lesson. We have to remember that in a “normal” lesson, there is much discussion and debate and collaborative working that takes much longer than getting on with work alone.

Please see my letter of 30th March with further top tips and guidance for both students and parents in supervision and support of home learning. The letter is available on the School website should you wish to refer to the earlier advice.

Pearson Education (who operate the Edexcel Examinations Board) have uploaded their textbook resources online. Whilst many of our subjects follow Edexcel, others do not. However, the textbooks contain topics that may be of help and support even for those subjects following other boards. They are also useful materials for students in year groups other than those who have started their GCSE courses.

The materials can be found at:

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/secondary-students-and-parents.html>

The BBC is also planning to expand the provision and support offered by BBC Bitesize. The plans were recently reported via BBC News:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-52149409>

With effect from 20th April this daily updated resources will be available via:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

The SHS School Closure Challenge:

Thank you to those who have submitted responses to the first School Challenge. It has been great to see your pictures showing how you channel your inner unicorn! The deadline is Friday 10th April but we will not be collating them into our website montage until Tuesday 14th April if any of you wish to send your pictures in.

The Easter School Closure Challenge is attached. The idea of the Challenge is to encourage students and siblings (staff and parents?!) to get involved and try something new; a project to be creative, to help our emotional well-being and keep us connected as a school community. So, attached with this letter is a sheet of ideas (you will be able to find many more on the internet). Browse through the Challenge sheet and select a project (or two) to complete. Take a photograph of your completed project and send it to the school enquiries email address.

The deadline for entries to the Easter Challenge is Friday 24th April. We will post some of the pictures onto the school social media accounts and make a montage for the website too. There will be a prize for the best entries.

Wishing you and your families well and for a Happy Easter,

Yours sincerely



M K Anderson

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