

13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

The  
COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

I am sure you are aware that on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, the Prime Minister began to provide details of the Government's recovery strategy. The immediate impact on us as a school is unchanged. We will continue to provide resources and materials to enable students to carry on with some learning whilst at home. We will also continue to provide the Emergency Child Care Provision for students whose parents are key workers, where staying at home safely is not possible and for vulnerable students, where required.

In the medium to long term the picture is not yet clear as to what is expected of us, in terms of opening for more students. Following the Prime Minister's announcement, guidance from the Department for Education stated that:

*"From the week commencing 1 June 2020 at the earliest, we will be asking primary schools to welcome back children in Nursery, Reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside priority groups. We will ask secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year, alongside the full time provision they are offering to priority groups."*

We will await further guidance as to what the provision for Year 10 students will look like as this is not clear at this stage. This does suggest that, regrettably, students in Year 7, 8 and 9 are unlikely to be able to return to school this academic year. I appreciate how disappointed this will make many of my students and I share this disappointment. We will continue to develop our home learning provision and support all our students as best we can. I look forward to the day we will be all be back together doing what we do best: being ready to learn, being respectful and safe and embracing opportunities and by doing this, developing our knowledge and skills, character and creativity and imagination.

Please be reassured that when increasing the numbers of students in school, whenever that will be, we will not act alone. We will follow the guidance from Public Health England, the Department of Education and from various associations and we will consult with the Sir John Brunner Foundation, our Local Governing body and with local Headteachers and school leaders in making any decisions. We will communicate our plans with you accordingly.



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## Home Learning

Our number one priority remains to keep students safe and as happy as possible. At the moment, staying at home remains the best way for students to stay safe. I believe that by continuing to have a routine and by continuing to get satisfaction from learning, contributes to students staying as happy as possible.

We have asked students to create a plan for each day and to stick to their usual timetable, where possible, by engaging with the home learning tasks provided. If they are having difficulties, their teachers are able to help. Students are expected to work for generally between 2 - 3 hours a day, with lessons taking between 20 – 40 minutes to complete. We know that working independently at home is quite different to school. We just ask students to have their best go and be proud of what they achieve. Staying safe and happy are the priority.

Year Leaders will also continue to forward resources and messages encouraging students to stay positive, continue with learning, be active and look after themselves and each other.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have provided feedback, regarding our Home Learning Provision. We continue to adapt and enhance our provision and this feedback is helping to shape it.

Please note that, as with during the two-week Spring break, the contact from teachers and provision of Home Learning will reduce. Teachers, support staff and students need to have a rest over half-term. Following the break, updated Home Learning Overviews will be forwarded for each year group. For those students who have been receiving regular support from members of the Pastoral Support Team, whilst this will also be reduced during the half-term break, students are encouraged to continue to seek any support they may need from the many organisations signposted on our dedicated Coronavirus Guidance and Support webpage.

## **Emergency Child Care Provision - including Half-Term and May Bank Holiday (25<sup>th</sup> May 2020) arrangements**

Government advice remains that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Please note that we are no longer able to provide lunch in school, therefore, please send your child with a packed lunch. **To help with our planning, please email [admin@leftwichhigh.com](mailto:admin@leftwichhigh.com), if they/you fulfil the following criteria and your child can't safely stay at home next week:**

- you are a critical worker (as per the definition in the link below)
- they are a vulnerable child (supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including Child in Need plans, on Child Protection plans, Looked After children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans).

[gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)

At present, we are not planning to open on the May Bank Holiday (25<sup>th</sup> May), however, please contact [admin@leftwichhigh.com](mailto:admin@leftwichhigh.com) if you need to use the emergency child care provision on this date and we will facilitate this. We are able to open during half-term, should we be required to. **If you fulfil the above criteria and require your child to be in school on any day during half-term, please notify us ([admin@leftwichhigh.com](mailto:admin@leftwichhigh.com)) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.** The school will be closed if no students is booked in.

### **Coronavirus Guidance and Support Webpage**

Please continue to visit our Coronavirus support and guidance page on our website:

[www.leftwichhigh.com/news/news\\_coronavirus\\_guidance\\_support\\_2020.html](http://www.leftwichhigh.com/news/news_coronavirus_guidance_support_2020.html). Of particular importance on this page is the online safety guidance, which I ask you to take the time to engage with. Please also follow us on Twitter - @leftwichhigh, where we share updates, information and provide an insight as to what being part of The County High School, Leftwich community is all about.

Please continue to look yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Snelson', written in a cursive style.

Principal