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Dear Parents/Carers

School Closure - Coronavirus (Covid-19)

I would first of all like to thank you for your support during last week. By keeping your children at home and following government advice, you are giving you and your family the best chance of staying healthy throughout this pandemic. Could I urge you to continue to follow these guidelines so that I can also advise as many staff as possible to stay at home with their families. As you know, we are only open as an emergency measure for some children and intend to work with the government in order to support key workers who are on the COVID-19 response team.

Every student has been allocated a chromebook and should continue to follow their normal school timetable at home by logging onto Google Classrooms. Please be realistic in your expectations of teachers' availability to help and interact with students at home as some staff may also be sick or looking after sick relatives, whilst others are in School looking after Key Workers' children.

Today, chromebooks were delivered to the homes of students who were self-isolating last week and should you have not been in to receive one, please can you email office@hoevalleyschool.org and leave your details. We will continue to deliver tomorrow to ensure that every student has a chromebook and a charger. We expect Year 11 students to continue studying as though their GCSEs were happening this Summer and if they have any coursework at home, particularly Art coursework, they should hold onto it and not throw anything away. So far, the advice from the DFE is that Year 11 students will be awarded a set of grades based on coursework and teacher assessment but may also have the option of sitting an exam in the Autumn Term and, should this be the case, then your support in encouraging them to continue studying is vital in ensuring they receive the best set of results.

It is important to keep a daily routine and ensure you and your child get some form of physical exercise as it will have significant benefits to your mental health and well-being. We would strongly encourage you to set up and stick to a daily schedule, and where possible, work alongside your child.

Finally, could I urge you to follow the social distance and self-isolation guidance. Do not let your children go out and socialise with their friends and do not let them have friends over to socialise. We know it is tough but if we are to beat this virus then we must protect the NHS and we can do that by following this advice. Remember, family comes first for everyone, including staff.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Davies
Head Teacher



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