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Dear Families

This will be my final letter to families before the Easter break. Currently, I do not plan to write to families during next week or over the Easter weekend, unless there is urgent information which I need to communicate. We will continue to post updates to the school website over the Easter break and use text and email to share particular information if necessary to do so.

It has been a quite extraordinary few weeks, and certainty not anything I had ever imagined could happen. The whole HT community has come together magnificently to respond to the health emergency pandemic. Thank you for all you are doing to support each other, and for the support for your children in such uncertain times.

From after the Easter break, starting on Tuesday 14th April, we will be setting work in a different way. Ms Just, Vice Principal, is writing to families about this in more detail. We hope it will help to address some of the challenges around workload for some families, and provide a manageable and sustainable curriculum over the coming weeks.

We have been continuing to develop the information for families on our school website at www.haileyburyturnford.com. There is specific information for families about keeping your child safe online and information to provide support for parents at this time, which can also be accessed here - https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/healthy-parenting. I hope these prove useful, with some good practical ideas.

Do continue to look after yourselves, and most importantly, stay safe. Do continue to stay in touch and connected with friends and family using the wide range of ways to do this. If there are particular issues over the Easter break please do not hesitate to contact me directly. We are not asking staff to be working over Easter other than a small number of volunteer staff in school: it is important that staff, as far as possible, are able to spend time with their families. However, the school is set up to deal with urgent issues, and we remain available to provide whatever support we can.

Our Summer Term begins on Tuesday 14th April, and I will write to families at the start of term.

My very best wishes from all staff at HT.

Yours faithfully

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