

# Haileybury Turnford

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Dear Families

## Prime Minister's statement on the national lockdown position

It was announced this week that schools in England will not be able to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term break. The earliest re-opening of schools will be from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. However, that is far from certain, and a decision will be linked to public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. The government has stated that schools, students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education.

We remain open to vulnerable students and those whose parents are critical workers, but school will close fully over the February half-term break in line with government guidance communicated to us this week. COVID-19 testing for all students and staff attending school at present will also continue to take place during term time.

Remote education at home will continue for all other students throughout the rest of this half-term, and for at least the first two weeks after the February half-term break.

## Remote Education Provision: Feedback from our Parent Survey

We have had 119 parental responses to our recent survey. Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback. Despite the significant challenges of remote education, we were very pleased with the positive responses received.

In summary:

- 87% of parents/carers agree or strongly agree to the statement "Overall I am satisfied with the remote learning being provided to my child".
- 61% of parents/carers feel that their child is completing 5 or more hours of learning per day.
- 79% of parents/carers think that the lessons have been pitched correctly with 4% of responses saying that the learning is too difficult.
- 96% of parents/carers believe they have adequate IT provision at home to access Microsoft Teams.
- The majority of comments about improving remote learning are based around lesson interaction and making the lessons more engaging for students.

In addition, some of the additional comments received included:

- *My child is still receiving the best possible education in this current circumstance.* Parent in Year 7
- *I can't thank you enough for remote learning and all your hard work to get this going. Thank you all.* Parent in Year 8
- *I don't really think anything could be improved. You are all doing a great job in very different and difficult times.* Parent Year 9

## Improving our Remote Education Provision further

Next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February, we will have a Challenge Day for students. Live lessons, following the normal school timetable will not take place. Instead a series of learning opportunities and challenges will be set for students in all year groups. The aim is to provide some learning activities which will not be digitally-based, to provide further opportunities for learning away from IT devices. This is important for mental health reasons, and will also provide an opportunity for some activities and challenges to be completed by families together should you wish to be involved! Other activities will be more cross-curricular, and will be digitally-based. Miss Newman will share more details next week, and we will be giving students more information during their briefings next week.



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In addition, we have launched our co-curricular programme to Key Stage 3 students, enabling students to connect with others, including their friends. We hope this will be enjoyable and fun for students, and for many of these activities, students will be able to have their cameras on. More details can be found on Class Charts.

Thank you for your continued support. Despite wishing we were fully open, and teaching your children at school, we remain really impressed with the commitment from our students and quality of work being produced.

Stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully



**Robin Newman**  
Principal



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