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Principal: Mrs N Lapskas

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Dear parents and carers

RE: Remote learning

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well in these difficult times. If your house is anything like mine then you will definitely appreciate how difficult it is juggling working from home whilst also trying to educate your own children.

When we were initially forced to close the school, staff only had a few days to get work uploaded online and no-one knew how long we would be closed for. With this in mind, staff were instructed to set generic work to last until the Easter holidays. As it is now looking like we will now be closed for significantly longer, I wanted to write to you to explain how we will be setting work for our students from Easter onwards. This is to ensure we make it as simple as possible for parents and students to be able to complete the work in order that they do not fall too far behind during this period of lockdown.

Firstly, we will not be setting compulsory work over the Easter holidays. Both students and staff deserve a well-earned break and therefore the usual work will not be set for these two weeks. However, a number of students and parents have requested tasks to complete during this time and so some subjects will be setting optional challenges and tasks for students to complete if they want to. You may well have seen some of these already via our social media pages, such as Mrs Taylor's Historical Egg competition.

Once the summer term starts on Monday 20th April, we will be following a more structured approach to our online learning. The basic principles are as follows:

- Work will be set by each subject a week at a time, going live on the preceding Friday – this will allow students to focus on one block of work at a time and move on each week, just as they would in school
- All work will be set via **Show My Homework**, even if it is just a link to another platform such as Microsoft Teams – this will make it much easier to follow what is being set, especially if students and parents are using the SMHW app
- Staff will indicate how the work will be assessed – either by submitting it online, sending in a photo of completed work or by attempting a SMHW quiz – and this will need to be done by the Friday of each week
- Staff will follow up via email if work is consistently not submitted but we want our focus to be positive – all students have been told that there will be a rewards afternoon for those who are seen to be attempting to complete what they can in each subject



- All work set will try to replicate what students would have covered in school during that week – if, as some are predicting, we will not be opening again this academic year then it is essential that we continue to cover our courses as fully as possible to ensure students do not fall behind, particularly if they are going into Year 11 or 13 in September

In these unprecedented times, we appreciate that students may struggle to complete everything all of the time. This is absolutely fine - as teachers, we want to support our young people in ensuring they do not fall behind in their studies but we also need to balance this with their mental health. As parents, you are in the unique position of being able to ensure this balance is reached. Support your child and encourage them to follow their regular timetable as far as possible, but ensure they have other activities and free time to balance this out, just as you would if they were at school.

Please look out for the Easter activities if you would like to get involved with them, and then the first official tasks will come live on SMHW on **Friday 17th April** for students to start working on after the Easter holidays. If you have any subject specific questions about the work set please contact the relevant teacher using the email address list on our website. If you have a general question about SMHW or need to reset log in details etc, then please email me directly at the following email address:

tclark@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk

More importantly, please ensure you and your family stay home and stay safe in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



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Vice Principal