

Principal: Lesley Welsh



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Dear Parent / Carer

School Closure Update

At the end of the first week of the unprecedented school closures across the UK, I wanted to thank all families for complying with Government guidance. The safest place for children continues to be at home and I appreciate the support of all families who have only sent their children to school if they are keyworkers or in a vulnerable group. This has minimised contact and ensured that we can maintain social distancing to keep our children and staff safe. If you require care for your child in line with the published guidelines, contact hello@gps.hlt.academy for more details.

For those children in receipt of Free School Meals, grab bags remain available between 11.30am – 12.30pm for collection. We are working with Hope Learning Trust and our catering provider to refine this system and anticipate that hampers will be provided by Tuesday. Texts with more details will be sent to the families of children in receipt of Free School Meals on Monday. If you are not receiving texts from school, please contact hello@gps.hlt.academy to update your number with the school office. In these challenging times, with changes to usual working routines and contracts, families may find that they are now entitled to Free School Meal provision. All details and an application form can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Our students have impressed us a great deal this week with their commitment to their online learning through the shared Google Sites, SAM Learning and Mathswatch. Students should continue to set time aside each day to study and contact school if they have any difficulties logging in. Year 9 and 10 students particularly may be interested in purchasing revision guides to support them during this period and an order form has been added to our website to obtain these at the best possible prices. If you have any queries, please contact us at hello@gps.hlt.academy

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community well at this challenging time and will continue to update you on a weekly basis about our work in school. We hope all of you stay safe and will keep you in our thoughts.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'L Welsh'.

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