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Dear Parent / Carer

Easter break

It seems very strange to be writing to you about an Easter break during these unprecedented times after the first two weeks of the school closure. We are extremely proud of our students who have engaged so thoroughly with our online learning offer over the last fortnight; their hard work will pay off when we return to school. We are aware that some students have found it more difficult to access the work and to that end, a new video has been uploaded on our school website at <u>www.georgepindarschool.org</u> to provide further support and guidance.

As we approach the formal Easter break, I would like to remind families that there is no obligation for students to complete any work over the next fortnight. Our online learning sites, SAM Learning and Mathswatch will remain available for students but teachers will not expect tasks to be completed in the same way for the next two weeks. On our return to school, we will provide further information to students about their work and aim to give more structure to tasks in response to your feedback. If you have any queries regarding passwords, please email <u>a.pattern@gps.hlt.academy</u> or email <u>hello@gps.hlt.academy</u> if you have any other feedback or questions.

These are worrying times and we are thinking of all members of our school community, hoping that everyone stays safe and follows the Government guidance. We would like to remind parents and carers that the advice during this period of social distancing is:

- Stay at home
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work
- If you go out, stay 2 metres away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family

School will remain open throughout the Easter break for the provision of childcare for the children of keyworkers if it is not safe for these children to be left alone. Your support in ensuring that our community stays safe is much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy Easter and will contact you again after the holidays.

Yours sincerely

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