

Principal: Lesley Welsh



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Dear Parent / Carer

Summer Term 2020

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well during these unprecedented times. At this point it is only fourteen school days since we last saw our students but the Easter holidays and the pandemic make it feel a lot longer; I am sure you, like us, are hoping that we are soon past the peak and can begin to resume some more normal aspects of life.

As school closure will continue until the Government is assured that scientific advice indicates that it is safe to reopen, we are improving our programme of home learning. The vast majority of students have engaged fully with our online offer by making good use of resources in Google Drive and complementing their work with exercises on SAM Learning and Mathswatch. In order to formalise tasks and lessons for all classes, checklists will be introduced for all students for each of their subjects from Monday. The checklists can be found in subject folders on our Google Drive and students can log in via the school website at www.georgepindarschool.org An explanation of how to find the checklists has been emailed to students together with a video guide to support them in their learning. I hope you will find these checklists useful. My own child is in Year 6 and I know how tricky it is to juggle homeschooling, working from home and caring for the family but I hope these checklists will provide you with a way to 'check in' with your children and ensure that they are on track to complete their work at this time. If you have any queries regarding any aspects of online learning, please contact hello@gps.hlt.academy in the first instance so your query can be directed to the right person.

We continue to take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously. Recently there have been a number of instances reported concerning the inappropriate use of social media. Please could you check with your child that they have their privacy settings to private/friends only and that their contacts are 'real' friends? There are some useful links on our school website to talk about online safety.

School remains open for the provision of childcare for keyworker or vulnerable children; I would like to thank families for ensuring that this facility is only accessed by those in need in order to keep our community safe. I would also like to thank families in receipt of Free School Meals for their patience with the introduction of the national voucher system; please check your emails for regular updates.

I would like to send you and your families my good wishes at this very difficult time. I hope you are all staying safe, staying at home and in so doing minimising the impact of this devastating virus. Please remember that we are here to support the George Pindar School community and welcome your feedback so do not hesitate to keep in touch.

Yours sincerely

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