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Dear Parent / Carer

Update from George Pindar School

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well as we continue to work our way through the Coronavirus pandemic.

I would like to congratulate all students and families who have begun to access the new checklists containing tasks to complete for each subject on the school timetable. The checklists will be updated weekly so please remind students to log in using the link from the school website at: www.georgepindarschool.org You can access a video help guide on our website to show students how to log in, check the checklists and return work to school at http://georgepindarschool.org/online_learning/ When completing work, students should begin with their checklists before moving on to tasks on SAM Learning, MyMaths or MathsWatch. Teachers have indicated the order in which they would like tasks to be completed and often an introductory PowerPoint or worksheet is available for students to learn about a topic before they attempt exercises on these platforms. As ever, if you have any queries about online learning you should email helio@gps.hlt.academy so that your concern can be directed to the right person. We do understand that there are a lot of demands on families at this time and encourage students to create a routine which includes home learning as this will have an impact for the return to school.

We have begun a programme of telephone calls to check in with all members of our school community and this will continue throughout the period of school closures. Please encourage your child to speak to their tutor as this can often help iron out any queries about online learning or resolve other issues.

This is a worrying and challenging time for everyone; please do remember that there is support available and the following websites might be of interest:

- <u>www.kooth.com</u>
- <u>www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters</u>
- <u>www.starline.org.uk</u>

Once again, I hope you are all staying safe and look forward to hearing from members of the school community by email; we really enjoy seeing messages from students who we are missing terribly. I would like to send you and your families my good wishes at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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