

Horsforth School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you, your family and friends safe and well.

I would like thank you and all our students for the diligence and effort that has gone into remote learning since March 20th.

As a parent of a 9 and 11 year old I am keenly aware of the challenges of balancing home learning, working from home, going into school and keeping family morale high. It is not easy. So thank you for supporting your son or daughter, encouraging them and allowing them to continue learning.

Our staff have loved the positive feedback from yourselves and the students. As a teacher you get a real buzz from teaching a great lesson and whilst it is very different and harder to do remotely I can tell from feedback there have been a fair few of these moments.

I do understand that remote learning may be more difficult for some and it may be working less well for some. If you are struggling please use the elarning@horsforthschool.org quoting:

- the students full name,
- form,
- subject(s),
- any Google classroom codes they are having problems with are in brackets after the subject name.

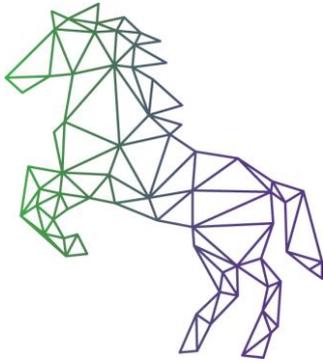
Equally if there are pastoral areas you need support with please email pastoralhub@horsforthschool.org and we will get back to.

Re-opening of Horsforth School

We continue to remain open to vulnerable students and children of critical workers and are planning to open to Year 10 and 12 students for some 'face to face' contact to supplement their remote learning as requested by the Government. This will begin in the week commencing 15 June and we are sending out greater detail to parents of students in Years 10 and 12 today.

I know parents of students in other Years would like to know when they will be returning to school.

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The Government has clearly stated that no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of Year 10 and 12 are to be in school on any one day. They have also stated that **only** these Year groups (10 and 12) should return to school. so we will not be open to any other Year groups before the summer break. I know some students will be very disappointed by this so please contact our pastoral team if they need support.

Please find the full guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

End of year reports for Years 7 and 12

We wanted to update you on the situation with regards to end of year reports for Years 7 and 12 which would have been due this term.

We realise you will be keen to know how your child has been doing so far this academic year and receive comments on their progress from their teachers and form tutors.

In light of the current situation, we are working on alternative methods of communicating how students have been progressing in their subject areas as well as pastorally.

Obviously there will be less progress data available than there would normally be but we would like to provide you with subject specific feedback based on the last information we do have, before the end of the academic year.

Please be aware that the format will be different to those usually produced. We aim to work on these for a July release.

Visiting School Site

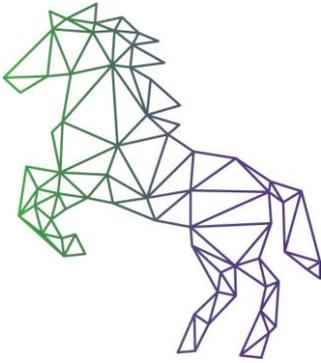
As I am sure you will appreciate, it is vital that we minimise parental visits to the school at this time. If you do need to contact a member of staff please use the info@horsforthschool.org address and we will endeavour to get back to you over the phone or for a remote meeting.

Social distancing

Thank you for your support in reiterating the social distancing rules to your son/daughter. It's vital that we continue to adhere to the national measures to ensure we avoid a second wave of cases and as we prepare to open to more students your support with this is especially appreciated.

Thank you again for your continued messages of support and your patience in what is a challenging time. It is nearly 3 months since we closed our doors to the majority of students and school feels a very empty place without them.

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Please tell your children that we miss them, their laughter, their questions, their smiles.

I look forward to the time we are able to welcome them back.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Paul Bell