



24 March 2020

Distance learning and Free School Meal (FSM) update

Dear Parent/Carer

We are extremely grateful to our school community for observing the government's advice about **only sending children to school, if absolutely necessary**. We have been able to provide a safe space for a small number of students and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future, to support our most vulnerable students and children of critical workers.

Distance learning/computer and internet access

Thank you for your positive messages of support at this challenging time. I have attached a summary document for each year group, with the online learning/topics to support your child with their distance learning. Our staff have been proactive in delivering home learning packs to students who are unable to access a computer/internet. If you haven't received one, please contact us on admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk. **Please only request one if you cannot access the computer/internet. If packs aren't requested by Wednesday, we will presume that everyone that needs one, has one.**

It is completely up to you and your child what their daily timetable of work will look like, however an indication of hours of learning per subject can be found on the summary document.

Free School Meals (FSM)

We have ordered supermarket vouchers (ASDA) for our students who access free school meals. Each child will be entitled to a voucher of £15.00 per week. The voucher link will be emailed to you, for you to download. If for any reason you cannot access this on email, or if you aren't entitled to FSM but are struggling to provide food for your family at this time, please email meals@harrogatehighschool.co.uk and we will do our very best to support you. The voucher link **will be sent each Monday**, however for this week only, whilst we await the vouchers, we can deliver a 'grab and go' packed lunch to your house, if needed. If you would like the packed lunch, please contact us on the above email. The email account above will be live in the next 24 hours; until this point, emails may bounce back. We are hoping that the vouchers will be with us by the end of the week. If you are unable to access email, you can contact us on 07902 340838 in the school day.

Memory box and well-being activities

Following on from Miss Dobson's previous letter, today there will be memory box and well-being activities available on our dedicated page on the school website and social media. We will continue to share well-being activities for the whole family on 'Well-being Wednesdays'.





Safeguarding and emotional support

If you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature, please contact the school Designated **Safeguarding Leads on 07902 340836 or 07889 725557**. Please also find attached a flyer from Just B, who have a **'Hear to help' helpline available** to provide support and advice to those who are feeling anxious or struggling with their emotional wellbeing around the Covid-19 outbreak. **They are open 8.00am-8.00pm and can be contacted on (01423) 856 799.**

With best wishes to you and your family.

Your faithfully,

Charlotte Clarke
Academy Head