

3 April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we arrive at the end of a most unusual term, I would like to update you on a few areas.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful support you have shown the school and our staff over the last couple of weeks. It has been an incredibly steep learning curve for us and your positivity and thanks have been a huge encouragement.

As I have written previously, your support for your children's learning at home has never been so important and I thank you for engaging with our communication – particularly where we are asking for some more work to be done. Continuity of learning is critical for the future of our young people, so your support is vital at this time. I know, first hand, how challenging it can be to work from home and support children's motivation and learning. So, I am with you and I thank you.

We are all really missing not being together as one community. Whilst our meeting schedules have continued using on-line video conferencing or conference calls and we have maintained email contact with our students, these methods are no substitute for the buzz and excitement of a school full of students and staff who enjoy learning and working together, as much as we do. We cannot wait to return to normal school life.

I have just received details of how the GCSEs/BTECs will be awarded and I will write separately to Year 11 students and parents later today.

Over Easter, we are offering in-school provision only for children who absolutely need to attend. We are teaming up with Bordon Junior School and will be combining our provision during Easter. This will involve staff from both schools and take place on the Bordon Junior School site. After Easter, we will return to our separate provision.

If you are eligible for provision and suddenly find you need to access this over the Easter holiday, please telephone our Easter Provision Hotline on weekdays (including Bank Holidays) between 8:30-3pm on 07729677482 and we can discuss this.

As you know, during the Easter holidays, we will not be setting work. I am sure you will agree that staff and students need a break to enjoy some family time and the opportunity to relax so that they are refreshed and ready to return to our 'virtual school' at 8.35am on Monday 20 April.

I will end by offering my very best wishes to our wonderful students, supportive parents and our wider town community of Bordon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hemmings'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail.

Mr P Hemmings
Headteacher