



# Hazelwick School

An Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you following the announcement yesterday from the Prime Minister, instructing that we are required to close the school, remaining open only for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other children will learn remotely until half term, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

During this period of school closure, we will be doing all that we can to replicate as closely as possible the learning that would have taken place in school. For each timetabled lesson, teachers will publish work on Satchel:one (Show My Homework) at the time of the lesson. Lessons may also be delivered by the teacher via Zoom and students will be informed of this on the day before the lesson. For these lessons students will need to have the camera function enabled and their name clearly displayed in order for the teacher to see who is in the virtual classroom. The work covered in these lessons will also be published on Satchel:one so that those unable to attend via Zoom will still be able to access the work.

The expectation is that students will access and complete the work at home each day in order to maintain their academic progress during the period of school closure. Students will be able to communicate with their teachers via Satchel:one.

For those students in Year 11 and Year 13, the government has made the following comment:

*In the current circumstances, we do not think it is possible for all exams in the summer to go ahead as planned. We will accordingly be working with Ofqual to consult rapidly to put in place alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly.*

There has been no announcement to say that summer exams have been cancelled and therefore, with a lack of clear guidance, it is imperative that Year 11 and Year 13 students continue their studies at home following the work set by their teachers. Whatever system will be implemented to determine final examination grades at both GCSE and A-level, the work undertaken by students during this time will be of vital importance. We will, of course, update you when we receive further information about external exams.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you well at this challenging time.

Ms A Fearon

Headteacher