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Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you with more information regarding how we intend to continue schooling for your child.

Children of Key Workers

As you know, school will close for the vast majority of children at 3pm on Friday 20 March. For as long as we can, we will be aiming to provide a service to parents of our learners who work in the Governments 'key worker' group including NHS workers, Police Officers, Teachers, Fire Officers and Food Delivery drivers. Please visit www.gov.uk for an updated list. This is in addition to those learners who are in identified vulnerable groups. As the government website states:

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be..... if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

If you feel that you meet the criteria, please contact us urgently on office@holderness.academy to help us with the assessment of whether you are eligible. We will need to know your occupation, confirmation that you are the primary care giver and that you have no alternative childcare. We will also need proof of occupation, but that is not required immediately.

Whilst we really appreciate that there will be other families facing challenges at this time and unable to continue their daily lives, the Government have made it very clear that, due to their Social Distancing directive, only eligible children will be allowed to attend school.

We are unable to provide a usual timetable for learners but will continue to provide learning opportunities and a safe place for them to be during the school day.

For those parents wishing to make use of this community service we will need to ensure that some of the usual protocols and systems for school apply to ensure we can fulfil our duty:

- School Uniform must be worn
- Usual attendance procedures for those learners who are registered to attend apply and punctuality is essential
- A food service will be available and usual charges will apply

Initially, the normal bus services will operate but, once we have assessed the overall transport needs, this will also change.

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Home Schooling

If your child is not eligible to attend school, they will be expected to work from home as part of the Government's Social Distancing directive.

We have created an extensive remote learning programme available via our website <https://www.holderness.academy/> using the tab 'remote learning'. All Year 7, 8 and 9 students should work from their Learning Beyond the Classroom booklets.

We have also made advances to streamline communication with home during closure. Instead of young people emailing individual teachers during a closure and being left unaware if someone is able to respond, we would ask that your child emails remotelearning@holderness.academy. We will check this email during school hours and redirect questions to the most appropriate member of staff. By doing this we are aiming to support our families and students with their questions, but also our staff who may be facing their own challenges. There is no requirement for your child to send their work to the teacher, as we cannot effectively mark or assess it. The onus will be on the child to work independently.

A member of our ICT team can resolve many issues remotely or, if you do not have ICT facilities, we are providing packs of work for students.

For those families eligible for free school meals we are in the process of making alternative arrangements and these will be communicated to you. In the meantime, a grab bag meal can be collected from the main reception between 12 and 12.30pm by the learner/parent.

Can I take this opportunity to once again thank you for your support at what I know is a challenging time for everyone. We have been incredibly grateful for all of the kind words and offers of support, for the incredible amount of work that our staff have done and continue to do to support our young people and to adapt each day, and of course to our students whom, despite their own worries have made us incredibly proud over the last few days. Learners have been given or provided with access to appropriate work for them to complete and they should do so to the best of their ability, they will need your routines and support to help them to do that. The school site will only be open to learners of the identified groups. Others must not be on the school site or in public during the school day.

We reserve the right to send a child(ren) home if they become unwell or exhibit poor behaviours for learning. Should your child or a member of the family become ill then the recommended isolation periods must be adhered to and learners will not be allowed back to school, for eligible families, for 14 days.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our families good health and we look forward to seeing you all as we return. For updates please visit our website www.holderness.academy and our school twitter account (@HoldernessAcad) or Trust twitter accounts (@ConsortiumTrust) and websites which will be updated as frequently as new information becomes available. We will continue to use the usual forms of communication with you as the situation develops.

Continue to look after yourself and each other #BeKind

Yours sincerely



Mr S Wilson
Headteacher