



Hodge Hill Girls' School Weekly Parent Bulletin

23rd March 2020

Important dates for your diary

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| Sunday 22 nd March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mother's Day |
| Monday 23 rd - 27 th March | Week B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Closure – Pupils of keyworker staff should only be in school if you are a keyworker with no other childcare arrangements. Stay home and stay safe. |
| Monday 6 th April – Friday 17 th April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Holidays |

SCHOOL UPDATES - CHECK SCHOOL GATEWAY AND SCHOOL WEBSITE

Many thanks to pupils and parents for your support during the last week. We will be using this weekly bulletin to share updates and ideas with our school community. The school website also has lots of information that you may find useful at this time, especially the pupil, parent and safeguarding tabs. In these areas there are links to help with learning, wellbeing and local support agencies such as food banks and application forms for free school meals.

Free School Meals (FSM):

Please see the latest information on [FSM link](#). This has also been sent via Parent Gateway.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL – Please be mindful that the school is not fully operational at present. We have a skeleton staff in place and request that you email any queries to the enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk

Please include information in the subject box so that the most appropriate person responds to your query. Some of our staff may be unable to respond due to illness and while we will be trying our best, we will not be able to respond in the usual manner.

Parents/Carers should not be coming onto the school site.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline: Phone: 0800 046 8687
[Guidance](#) and [Poster](#). Handwashing advice Watch this short NHS film for guidance [video](#).

Get Coronavirus support as an extremely vulnerable person: [see link](#)



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As you will be aware through news coverage the Government is frequently updating their response to the global issue of Coronavirus. Keep up to date and follow the latest guidance during this period.

It would be helpful if all parents/carers could download the Gateway app onto mobile devices to ensure that you receive prompt communication. It is essential that the school has your up to date contact details. Please update the school if this is not the case.

School Closure:

[School closure – Letter for Parent/Carers from Dr Tim O’Neil at Birmingham City Council Birmingham City Council](#)

Getting into routines:

Many of our pupils will benefit from a regular routine each day. Please see the link of a suggested timetable. You may want to adapt this to use with your own family. [Timetable](#)

Value of the month – ‘Strength’ Please discuss this value with your daughter. To support use this the following links [Poster](#), [Competition](#) and [Calendar](#)

Thought for the week: ‘Personal Development’ please see [video](#) and [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

Class Charts: If you do not have your individual login number please email enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk with Classcharts login in the subject box. This will be sent out to you.

Learning Resources:

Our teachers have been very busy organising learning activities that will be set via ‘Classcharts’. We also have several online platforms for independent learning e.g. GCSE Pod, Tassomai, Hegarty Maths and Maths Whizz. Please look at the learning section via this link: <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/pupils>

Additional Resources:

We will look to share with you some additional sites that may be useful each week. There are so many wonderful websites to assist learning at home.

Secondary Visual Art Teacher Network - Scrapstore resources for parents and children

Parents can access resources from Scrapstore Birmingham. They have lots of resources that are perfect for students working on current projects or looking for inspiration to keep them



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occupied whilst they are away from school. Parents can contact them by searching for The Scrapstore Birmingham on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram or email directly emma@bpcn.org.uk

Google Arts and Culture – Take an online tour of some of the most famous museums and galleries around the world. You could start with the British Museum, London.

BBC Learning – has subject specific resources for Primary and Secondary age pupils.

PE every day – Joe Wicks, known as The Body Coach, will be leading exercise classes for school age children on his You Tube channel each day at 9.00am.

GCSE Exams:

Year 11 students have received a letter with information around the cancellation of exams in May and June following DFE updates.

Year 10 English Literature Exams:

As you will be aware exams in May and June have been cancelled. When we have further information, we will update you. In the meantime, keep reading!

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

We have updated the school website to include support for pupils and families around Safeguarding and Wellbeing <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding>. This includes a link to local food banks. [Food Bank link](#).

Wellbeing Calls - We are aiming to make regular contact with our pupils through wellbeing calls. This gives us a chance to let them know that we are thinking about them while we are not in school.

Staying Safe Online:

While your daughter is away from school take particular care to monitor her online and social media usage. Do you know who she is contacting? Are the platforms she is using appropriate for her age? Are you aware of the content/images that she is posting? Further guidance can be found on our website at this link <https://www.hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk/parents/online-safety>

Police safety guidance letter: [Letter](#)