



ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Today is obviously what should be the beginning of the Easter holidays and it is going to be very different to the one we all had planned. We know that this will not be a normal holiday, with most people confined indoors due to the current restrictions or illness. Of course, we understand why this has to happen and we all hope it will benefit our own communities and the Country as a whole in the long term.

Over the past two weeks we have been asking students to engage in a variety of different activities from their usual (and now even wider) curriculum. Some of this work will have been sourced from our website, some will have been found elsewhere by parents and some of it will have been accessed through Google Classroom. The Google Classroom has been quite a new thing for some staff, students and parents/carers, so thank you to those who have given it a go and please accept our apologies when things have not gone to plan, as this has been a steep learning curve for many. We hope that what has been provided has been useful rather than stressful, but I do appreciate that school work at the moment may not be everyone's number one priority.

However, it is now the holiday period, so teachers will not be setting work for home learning as they have been doing, although they may still keep in touch for certain issues. This time should be used for our children to relax and do the things they enjoy doing, whilst still remembering to follow social distancing/ stay indoors guidelines.

We will still have an Astley CHS educational provision operating at Whytrig MS school for federation key worker families and vulnerable children, but with significantly less staff. The normal home learning arrangements will start again on Monday 20th April.

On behalf of everyone associated with Astley CHS, I wish you all a very Happy Easter, but more importantly at this time, stay healthy, safe and look after each other.

Kind regards and my very best wishes to you all

Graham Scott
Head of School

