



WEST HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you and your family are keeping well.

Over the last half term our staff have been busy developing the tasks and resources on the VLE, maintaining weekly communications with their Form Group, working on centre assessed grading, getting ready to welcome our Year 6 cohort and planning for some face to face sessions with our Year 10 pupils.

You may well be aware of the various, often contradictory messages about wider reopening of schools for Y10 students initially. At the time of writing we are still awaiting further government guidance regarding this. We have made provisional plans to have some face to face contacts with Y10 boys, and those families have been contacted. We continue to make all decisions based around protecting our boys and their families, as well as our staff and their families. We are more than aware of the strains the current arrangements place on us all and wish to negotiate through these challenging times as swiftly as is safe to do so. We will communicate with more details when we are in a position to do so.

The essence of what we do at West Hill is based on our strong sense of community; on the relationships that exist between boys and staff, within an environment of strong pastoral care and high expectations. Remote learning cannot replicate this. However, it is important that boys maintain a structure to their working day and engage with their Form Tutors and class teachers. As parents, you are better placed to assess how well your son is coping with his remote learning and the need for a balanced approach. We know this can be challenging and recognise the effort and support that you provide in the home.

However, next week is a scheduled half term holiday and it is an appropriate time to take a week's break from our online learning platforms and formal work set. So whilst boys can continue learning activities, especially reading, ***please understand that teachers will not be responding to any work submitted, or enquiries, until Monday 1st June. We anticipate that we will restart our remote learning activities at that point.***

We appreciate your continued support in helping your son "Aim High."

Regards

Mr Owens

Headteacher