



3rd April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer and Students,

I am writing to you on what would have been the final school day before the Easter break. As you are aware, the academy will be remaining open over the holiday to cater for the small number of key worker children for whom childcare is unavailable so as to allow their parents to continue to play a crucial role in the response to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a few other matters.

Safeguarding

Should you have a safeguarding issue that you need to bring to the academy's attention then please email Miss Bate (f.bate@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk) and Mrs Fox (s.fox@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk).

GCSE Awards

Ofqual, the government regulator responsible for examinations and qualifications, has today published more details on how GCSE grades will be awarded to Year 11 this summer. Mr Marsden is writing separately to parents/carers and students from Year 11 with more details on this process.

Online Library

We now have an online library to support students' reading whilst we are closed. The details of this will appear on our website and will be included in the home learning information for next week. At the moment the selection of books is quite small, however this will increase over time in line with demand.

Work for Students

We will continue to set work for students over Easter. To be clear, we understand that these are unusual circumstances for families and students as well as parents may have had additional responsibilities placed on them that they were not expecting. It is not expected that all students will complete all the work, of which there is quite a lot, however we would be remiss as a school if we were not to at least attempt to facilitate access to learning from home at this time. It is expected that students will access some learning during the period of closure, however the frequency and amount will depend on individual circumstances. It is also crucially important that students and parents/carers take time to rest and look after their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of their family.

I would like to pass my best wishes to all of our families during these difficult times.

Yours faithfully,

I. Siddall
Headteacher

