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Dear Families,

I hope you are all safe and well, and thank you for your continuing efforts to support your children with their learning at home during these challenging times. We fully appreciate that remote education is as much of a job for our families as it is for the staff and would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication in supporting your children's education at this time. As shared with you previously, tutors and learning leaders have started contacting parents and learners for a general keeping in touch chat and to check that learners are able to access the work being set. The staff are welcoming the opportunity to liaise with you and your child and answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for all of the positive comments that you have shared with the school in these calls, and for the huge amount of work it is clear you are doing to support your child with home learning at this difficult time.

Thank you to all the parents that have completed the recent parent survey. The senior team have been reviewing these, and Mrs Ayre has already written to you regarding some of the queries relating to remote learning. We will write to you again next week with an overview of the wider feedback and to respond to any questions or requests for support that families have asked for. Many thanks to the families that took the time to write positive comments. I will be forwarding these messages to my colleagues, we really appreciate your support

Our learners continue to make us exceptionally proud with how well they have adapted to this new way of working, and we have been extremely impressed with the work they are sending back to their teachers and the way they are engaging with their lessons. Please see the Twitter feed [@LHS_HighSchool](https://twitter.com/LHS_HighSchool) on our website for just some examples of some of the fantastic work our learners are producing, and some of the wider opportunities available to them. Please remember that if you or your child have any specific questions relating to the work that has been set, then please contact the subject teacher via email in the first instance, and if you have any more general suggestions or queries please get in contact via the following email: homelearning@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk and we will make sure the appropriate member of staff responds.

You will no doubt be aware that the Prime Minister announced last night that schools will not be returning until March 8th at the earliest. Whilst we are extremely disappointed that we will not be able to welcome our learners back into school before then, we will of course continue to ensure that all of our learners are provided with the programme of remote learning, which is in line with our usual curriculum offer. We will be in contact with you again as soon as we have any further information regarding the return to school. In the meantime, please do continue to ensure that your child is engaging with their learning in line with the timetable. If there is anything at all we can support with to help with this, please do get in touch. We are delighted that we have been able to

secure a further 87 laptops from the Department for Education, and we are in the process of allocating those to our learners who currently have no access to a device at home for their learning. We have also applied for some additional devices through a private enterprise, but are still waiting to hear if we have been successful with this. We will do our very best to continue to try and ensure that as many learners as possible have access to their own laptop whilst having to work at home.

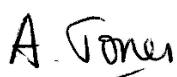
You may also be aware that the Department for Education has allocated all schools an additional Inset day for this academic year. Please note that this Inset day will be held on Monday 19th April 2021. This means that learners will return from the Easter holidays on Tuesday 20th April 2021.

All free school meal vouchers continue to be issued every two weeks. If you have not received yours, please contact Dr Potter m.potter@rshs.aspireplus.org.uk.

We fully appreciate and understand that this is a very difficult for some families for a variety of reasons and, if families are experiencing difficulties with emotional wellbeing or have had the sadness and upset of losing a loved one, they can request a call from Mrs Noble, our Mental Health Lead. Mrs Noble may be able to offer support directly or be able to signpost families to the most appropriate support. We would also like to remind you that we have a number of support tips and ideas on the school website and these can be accessed through the pop up box, which appears when you first open up the website. A member of the safeguarding team and a member of the senior leadership team are available every day in school if you need any further support or information during this period. I hope you and your families stay safe and well and if we can be of any further help please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Andrea Jones
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