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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

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Dear all,

I am writing to you to as I intend to do on a weekly basis during the school closure. I just wanted to thank many of you for your support and kind words regarding the loss of Roy Halford. It speaks volumes for his contribution to education, not just in our school, but across the region. We have decided to open two online books of condolence for Mr Halford and Mr Brannagan, who we also sadly lost several weeks ago. If you or your child wish to write a reflection or share a memory of either of our colleagues please do so. They will offer a lasting record of how highly regarded they were. We will also share these thoughts with their respective families when it is appropriate to do so. The books of condolence will be online in the next few days.

In relation to online learning I appreciate that it is extremely challenging to work from home, both for adults and our young people. We are acutely aware of the fact that some of our young people need additional support. I hope that the families that have sought additional advice or had queries feel that the school have tried to assist. As always, please use the school email admin@hhhs.net as the first port of call. We will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. In that regard we have responded to correspondence from some families asking for additional resources to be made available. To that end, Mrs White has collated numerous websites and resources that may assist your children in accessing additional subject specific work. Please go to the student tab and then scroll to 'academic enrichment' to view numerous additional resources.

It is important that the children try their best, but we must be realistic as well. It will always take longer to complete tasks unaided or without the support of peers and the scaffolding they have in school. Again, we are continuing to use Class Charts as a reward tool. We will be calling families next week of those children with the most referrals and we will mark effort further when we return to school. Please try to ensure that any work on paper is kept and stored so we can reward students further on their return. It is more than appropriate to share pictures of work via SMHW if you can. Please note that your child can also download Office 365 to their own machines if they wish. A help sheet is available via the link on the home page. On that note, we will be trying to secure laptops via the government scheme for those students in Year 10 that are entitled. However, this may take some time. Please continue to let us know if access to the internet or hardware is an issue.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you about our online safety resources available on our website. As students use TikTok and other platforms such as Facebook, What's App and House Party more regularly during the lockdown, it is important that we continue to discuss their online activity and ensure they are using them safely, monitoring the content and information they are interacting with. The support resources are available on the parents tab of the website

I know that our focus currently is to maintain our physical and mental health and keeping each other as safe as possible. Again, we have tried to provide some materials to help both adults and students at this most challenging time. Our school counsellor, Mrs Lambert, has collated numerous support materials that she has shared via the wellbeing tab on the student section of the website.

I know that many of our families have been affected either directly, or indirectly by the virus and it continues to impact the community, both physically and economically. All I can say is that we will endeavour to help in any way we can. From an educational perspective, we await further direction from the government regarding when and how schools will reopen. As soon as we have clear guidance and can generate our own internal plan for opening we will obviously keep you informed.

Take care

Kind regards

Mr M Klinck

