

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Can I begin by thanking everyone for the support and kind messages that we have received over the last few weeks. This has certainly been a challenging time and it's wonderful to see everyone pulling together.

### **School is Open**

The school has been open for children of key workers and the staff and our partners, Directional and Mack have worked hard to make each day interesting and varied. We will continue to support these children over the Easter break. Places have been booked through our key worker email address, [keyworker@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:keyworker@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk); please see the website for information if there is a change to your shift patterns.

### **Donations**

During this time we have received calls from the hospital and the police to support them with protective equipment. Thank you to the Science team for donating goggles and gloves to the Luton and Dunstable Hospital and to Mr Wise in D&T for making protective visors for donation. See our Twitter feed for updates. @StopsleyHighSch

### **Homelearning**

We have, as all schools, sent lots of work home and are mindful of how difficult it is to engage with young people during this challenging time. We plan to streamline this after Easter to make it easier for you to monitor your children and ensure that they do take time to be with families and take care of their own mental health. A balanced approach to home learning is essential; take time to celebrate your child's learning follow these links for some support. [Home learning at SHS](#) and [Alternative Activities Children Can Do At Home.](#) We would like to celebrate the hard work going on and will be in touch after Easter so that children can share their achievements with everyone. Please remember that all work can be found on showmyhomework. If you are having trouble logging in to showmyhomework, please follow this [video tutorial](#).

### **Pastoral Support**

Pastoral welfare calls have been made during this week. Do feel free to contact your child's house team should you have any queries moving forward, the details can be found on the [Tutor Page](#). We have posted a section on the website for useful contacts please follow the links below.

[Useful contacts for our staff, students, parents, families and community](#)

[Supporting Children With Anxiety](#)

### **Year 11 GCSE Grades**

The government released a document this morning on the plans for awarding GCSE grades.

The guidance is here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020> . There is also a letter to students. I would draw your attention to the section that states clearly school cannot share any grades it puts forward.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877830/Letter\\_to\\_students\\_-\\_Summer\\_2020\\_grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf) Please email Mr Williets if you have any concerns.

### **Free School Meals**

Parents of children who are entitled to free school meals and have registered with the school, have been sent a letter regarding the issue of vouchers. If your child is entitled to free school meals but you have not yet contacted us, please email [FSM@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk](mailto:FSM@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk) to confirm your email address and the name of your child.

All information and updates can be found on our website: [Stopsley High School](#)

Keep well and stay safe.

Kind regards,



**K Johns**  
**Headteacher**