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Dear Parent/Carer

Thanks for all your support over the past week in helping us reduce the number of children in school and the supportive messages that you have been sending in. We have been able to maintain an emergency service for parents who are critical workers and keep our staff safe by keeping numbers in school to a minimum.

I hope that your child has been able to access the remote learning package that has been put together. Information about accessing this work can be found on the Remote Learning section of the School website -

<https://www.hartschool.org.uk/main/parents/remote-learning>

Next week's work will be going onto the school website at the end of this week. Remember, our intention is to keep our students in as much of a routine as possible and to keep their brains working. We also have an Easter Project we have designed for those of you who might have younger children at home. It is designed to utilise resources we think you might have at home and something a little more creative. You will find this on the Remote Learning page (link above) in the additional resources section.

Form Tutors have been asked to keep in touch with students. Please could you encourage your child to access their school email account so that their tutor can check in with them. They can access their emails via the **Office 365 button** at the bottom of The Hart School website. We have recently created and shared a video on our School Facebook page. In the video Mrs Darcy Barron – our very own Hart Star is Born! - will talk you through some important learning platform and email contact information. Over a thousand of you have viewed this already which is fantastic!

Within the next 48 hours, those students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be sent an email with a voucher that can be used at a local supermarket. So that we know that you have received the voucher, you will need to click receipt of the email. If you struggle with this, please contact us and we will try to make alternative arrangements. Please note, there is currently a scam taking advantage of this offer in schools. DO NOT trust any email on this topic that is not from the school. DO NOT provide any bank details or financial information.

For all GCSE and A level students, this is clearly a most worrying time for them following the huge amount of preparation they will have put into preparing for these exams. The information from the government and exam boards is still not clear as to how grades will be awarded. As soon as we have clarity, we will update



you. It is crucial that students continue to complete **ALL** work set for their courses to ensure fair and accurate grades.

In addition to the online learning, we will also be posting some fun activities on our social media pages to try to allay the boredom. We will also be posting some ideas to keep students busy over the Easter holidays.

We will be operating an Emergency on-site provision for critical key-workers where shift patterns have changed due to the CoVid-19 crisis. More details will follow.

Stay safe and remember to ensure physical distance without becoming distant socially. We need each other more than ever when things get difficult.

Best wishes

**Mr D Redmond**  
Senior Vice Principal