



HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for the feedback given on our COVID response and remote curriculum offer. If you are yet to do so, the feedback form is available [here](#). Responses to both questions were positive and supportive, reflecting the sense of partnership that has been such an important feature of this challenging year.

There were also a number of constructive suggestions that we will act upon as we go into the new half term.

Actions in response to feedback

- We will send an academic report home, in combination with the fortnightly engagement reports. Reports will be distributed in the first two weeks of March.
- We will stage a live tutor-parent conversation event, giving parents an opportunity to talk through these reports and their child's wellbeing with their tutor. We will confirm the date and timings for this event in the week beginning 22nd February.
- We will continue to increase opportunities for live interactions and live delivery to help maintain engagement and enable social interaction.
- We will communicate a reopening plan and share an updated risk assessment with parents and carers when government guidance is released.

Half term school office closure

The school office will be closed during the half term break and telephone calls to the main switchboard will not be answered. If you have an urgent question please contact enquiries@hampsteadschool.org.uk and we will respond.

Update on this summer's assessment process

The consultation period on the DfE and Ofqual proposals for this summer's assessment process has now ended. The outcomes of the consultation are due to be released at the end of this month. As soon as we have more detail we will pass this on to you.

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All we can do for now is reiterate this important message: Every variant of the proposed system will reward hard work and a consistent approach. Students must continue to work to the best of their ability throughout this period.

Access to laptops

The school have distributed over 300 laptops to students in need over the past six weeks and we have a final allocation being delivered to the school in the next few days. If your son or daughter is struggling to complete work because they do not have access to a suitable device, please complete this form: [Laptop access form](#).

School reopening update

As with summer assessments, we still await further guidance on reopening. March 8th is the earliest date that schools will start to reopen, and we expect further guidance on or around 22nd February.

It is possible that LFD testing will form an important part of the reopening process. If you have not completed the LFD testing consent form, please do so now: [Testing Consent Form](#)

I have been in school this week with children of critical workers and observed online lessons that have incorporated treasure hunts, craft projects and in one case the chandelier clip from 'Only Fools and Horses'. Seeing the students' response again highlighted their enthusiasm, creativity and resilience. Working with these students also acted as a reminder of all of the parents and carers working in frontline occupations in hospitals, care homes, supermarkets and a range of other settings. On behalf of the school, thank you for your crucial work in COVID-19 response.

I would like to finish with a final thank you, this time to the wider school body. Although circumstances mean we are physically separated, students, staff and parents have come together in the face of adversity. The sense of school community is stronger than ever.

All best wishes,



Matthew Sadler
Head