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Subject: Start of Term Updates

Dear Bohunt Horsham Students and Families,

We are writing to you further to our Prime Minister's broadcast last night. Along with colleagues around the country, we have spent a considerable amount of time preparing for students' safe return to school, including the introduction of lateral flow testing at the Government's behest.

We feel bitterly disappointed that our school will not be open in the way we expected. Whilst I understand the government's need to prioritise the safety of our community, I fervently wish we had been given adequate time to better prepare our students, our staff and our whole community for this change. However, despite what the headlines, our school isn't actually 'closed' – we are still here, we are still delivering lessons, providing for all of our students remotely and in person for the children of keyworkers and the most vulnerable, our staff team is still working incredibly hard to deliver the best teaching for our students and the best support. By the end of this week, we aim to have spoken, on the phone, to every family in our school community. We are still here.

Bohunt students, this term is important. Online learning is not optional. The effort you put into your studies now will bear fruit in the future and will not be wasted. Please do keep faith in yourselves as Bohunt learners. It will be worth it in the end!

We wish to say that we are thinking of you all and have been busy planning for your safe return. Our intended provision remains open and we have a suite of COVID strategies in place on the school site to keep returning staff and students safe.

Keyworker and vulnerable school provision only is open from today and we know that your teachers are looking forward to meeting you face-to-face. For all students, online learning begins with our assembly at 8.30; links to the assembly will be posted on Classcharts and on the Bohunt Horsham News Google Classroom.

If you have any difficulties accessing the live lessons due to a lack of equipment or internet connectivity, please contact your child's form tutor, achievement coordinator or email remotelearning@bohunthorsham.com. You will find more information about remote learning, including our use of the 'missed remote learning' button on yesterday's bulletin.

As this half term progresses, we will review our online learning offer and make changes as needed, I welcome your feedback and will offer opportunities for you to share it with us in due course. In the meantime, I ask that students and families show understanding of the inevitable bumps in the road as we adjust to our new ways of working once again and I thank you for all of the support already offered. In turn, I know many of you are experiencing very challenging circumstances and we can help, we will. Please stay in touch, keep us informed of your circumstances and together we will overcome.

With best wishes,

Ms Ayling