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Subject: Remote Learning and Keyworker School Provision Updates

Dear Bohunt Horsham Students and Families,

The situation with COVID-19 locally, nationally and indeed globally continues to worry us enormously and we know that, over the last ten days since I last wrote to you an increasing number of our Bohunt Horsham families have been directly impacted by the virus. In light of this let me start by thanking you for continuing to take notice of national restrictions and for continuing to keep us informed of your own circumstances. Even if you are not sending your child in to school for one of our keyworker provision places, it is still so important for us to keep updated with your families so that we can support you in any way we can.

Important changes for next week: As of Monday 18 January, we are launching an update to the timetable for students in both year groups. The new timetable is now loaded onto Classcharts and Google Classroom for next week. In order to support students in getting to know their new timetable, we are running an

Action 1: Students will need to go to their tutor group Google Classrooms at 8.30 on Monday for an assembly, some activities, a workshop from a special guest speaker and then a Q&A with their form tutor regarding the new timetable.

extended tutor time on Monday morning.

Lessons will start from period 3 on Monday 18 January after this launch of the new timetable has finished.

What has changed in the new timetable?

- We are moving from 6 single lessons per day to 3 double lessons.

What remains the same in the new timetable?

Things that remain the same (except where we have already spoken to you)

- The classes are the same (so students are learning in the same groups as before)
- The teachers are the same (except in a very small number of cases)
- The curriculum time (amount of time in each subject) is the same, except in history and geography where we have one more lesson a week and RE which will be covered in drop down days instead.

An update on Lateral Flow Testing: our test kits and other resources have arrived and our testing bays are being set up, our staff is in the process of training to carry out the various roles associated with lateral flow testing and we hope to start testing staff next week. We will contact families of students attending keyworker school provision when we are ready to commence lateral flow testing with those students.

Action 2: Parents and carers, please keep an eye out for a DocuSign email that asks for consent around lateral flow testing.

Keyworker and Vulnerable Provision in School: If you have identified as a keyworker or been invited to attend our keyworker provision because we have identified your child as particularly vulnerable, it is vital that you complete the weekly survey before sending your child in to school. This survey lets us know which children to expect in on which days, which enables us to carry out two vital safeguarding responsibilities: primarily, we will call you if we expect your child in school and they do not arrive. Therefore should anything happen to your child on the way to school, you will be informed that they have not arrived. Secondly, it enables us to ensure we have adequate staffing for our keyworker provision. The link to the survey for the following week is included each Monday in our Bohunt Bulletin on Classcharts.

Action 3: Parents and carers, The link to the survey for the week commencing 18 January is here: <https://forms.gle/wf5LkpmgZoHPJ8TSA> you only need to complete this survey if you are sending your child in for keyworker and vulnerable provision.

In our initial survey at the end of last term over 60 families identified themselves as keyworkers but today, only 25 families have needed to take up the offer of childcare in school. I would like to personally thank all the families who have managed to find other ways to manage their childcare needs, that action has meant that the staff who are in school and the families who really need our childcare provision to be able to continue doing those critical jobs in the community are kept safer from transmission.

A reminder to families who are using the keyworker childcare provision in school: **if your child or another member of your household develops symptoms, you must not send your child into school,** instead your household must isolate whilst the symptomatic person [obtains a COVID test in the usual way](#). Keep us informed of any COVID related concerns via enquiries@bohunthorsham.com.

The government directives remain clear; we must all [stay at home](#) where possible and do our best to protect one another. I do understand how difficult this time is for so many of our community, it seems harder for so many of us this time around, if there is anything we can do to help you and your family then please get in touch. We are here for you, whenever you need us.

With best wishes,

Ms Ayling