



Friday 15th May, 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As teachers we eagerly awaited the outcome of the government's announcement last Sunday in relation to the relaxing of the lockdown rules and what this meant for pupils and the return of school. I'm sure you'll be aware that the plans from the government have primarily focused on the reintroduction of school for early years and year 6 pupils in primary schools.

The government have asked schools at secondary level to think about how we can offer some face-to-face support for year 10 pupils to support their remote learning. I have written to the parents of year 10 pupils specifically about this as we work to develop a plan to facilitate this support, whilst prioritising the health, safety and wellbeing of both pupils and staff. We are working closely with our secondary colleagues across the local authority and within TCAT to establish a collective approach for the young people of Warrington. We are also waiting for the DfE to release specific guidance to schools following the announcement last Sunday to better inform our planning.

Obviously, at this stage, it appears that the vast majority of our young people won't be returning to school this academic year. We therefore continue to maintain our focus on supporting pupils with remote learning and staff will continue to deliver curriculums remotely through Teams. I can assure you that work continues on planning to deliver the aspects of each subject curriculum that are most conducive to remote learning. This work will continue throughout the summer term to ensure that pupils remain well placed to continue making progress upon their return to school. The staff are very much looking forward to the point when we can safely welcome our pupils back and reintegrate them into school.

Pupils have continued to impress this week, producing excellent work and maintaining their engagement. We've broken the 1000 mark for the number of digital Going for Gold postcards being issued to pupils, which is fantastic, and this represents well deserved recognition for their ongoing commitment to their studies.

We've also been thrilled to issue Going for Gold certificates to pupils who have reached Bronze, Silver or Gold milestones by adding to their totals from before school closure by achieving digital postcards. It's really important that pupils receive recognition for their hard work and dedication across the whole year.

Lessons continue next week following the timetable pupils would normally follow in school. If pupils have trouble accessing their school Office 365 account or accessing the resources set each day by their teachers please contact remotelearning@penkethhigh.org for assistance.

Next week would represent the final week of the half-term, with the planned half-term break commencing from Monday 25th of May, 2020. Whilst school will remain open for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable pupils during this period, lessons for all pupils will not be conducted as normal in Teams so that pupils can have a well-deserved break from working remotely and can pursue some of their other interests. Lessons will, of course, recommence from Monday 1st of June.

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Each Monday we issue our Enrichment Bulletin document, this is distributed to pupils via Teams and is also placed on the school website; the edition from this week can be found at <https://www.penkethhigh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Enrichment-Bulletin-4.pdf>. This document provides links to resources and activities to widen pupils' educational experiences beyond our curriculum lessons and also includes resources that can help support their wellbeing during what is likely to be a troubling and confusing time for them.

The wellbeing of our pupils remains our greatest priority and parents will be aware that form tutors have been contacting families of pupils in their form. Our welfare team are also working hard during this period to continue to support pupils and if you do have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact us at school using the email address welfare@penkethhigh.org.

I'd like to wish you all the very best and hope that you and your families remain in good health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin
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