



# Hebburn Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another extremely busy term and a well-deserved Easter break, I wanted to provide you with some key information for the summer term.

Since the start of January, when we entered the second national lockdown, everybody across the school community has responded superbly to the many challenges that the pandemic continues to throw at us. Learning, for the second time, moved online, with the school remaining open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. Teachers planned and set remote learning work, aligned to schemes of learning, and provided regular feedback and advice to pupils through Microsoft Teams. The school's pastoral team remained in regular contact with families and organised work for those pupils requiring paper-based resources. You can see the quality of some of the work produced by pupils over the lockdown period on our Facebook page. Mr Frame organised the distribution of DFE laptops to those qualifying under the government's laptop scheme. Mr Moore planned and implemented the whole-school testing programme, which is now complete. I want to express my thanks to all staff involved in the testing process. It was a phenomenal effort from our office, classroom support and technician teams. A total of 1949 tests were carried out over a period of two weeks, with the process finishing a day ahead of schedule.

On Monday 8 March, we started our phased return to school, with all pupils back to full time learning by Thursday 11 March. Children have responded superbly to being back at school and are re-establishing routines very quickly. I am hugely impressed with the positive attitude and focus on learning that pupils have displayed since our return.

## REMINDERS FOR PUPILS' RETURN AFTER EASTER

- Pupils return on Monday 19 April at the times set out below:

YEAR 7	8.40am
YEAR 8	8.55am
YEAR 9	8.45am
YEAR 10	8.50am
YEAR 11	8.35am

- It is important that pupils arrive only 5 minutes before their start time.
- Pupils should be equipped for learning and must be in full, correct uniform, including a face covering, unless exempt. A reminder that face coverings must be worn in all internal communal areas, in classrooms and on public transport. Pupils can continue to wear their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.
- The hand sanitising procedures around school are well established and will continue throughout the summer term.



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- Pupils should make their way directly home at the end of the school day.
- Only pupils picking up siblings should be waiting outside of our local primary schools.

#### KEY DATES:

- Pupils return after Easter on Monday 19 April, as per current arrangements.
- Monday 3 May is a Bank Holiday (school closed).
- Pupils finish at the normal time on Friday 28 May for half term, returning on Monday 7 June.
- There is a staff training day on Friday 9 July, meaning that the school is closed to pupils.
- School finishes on Friday 22 July. I will write to parents with further information nearer the time.
- We will communicate arrangements for the collection of GCSE results in the next half term.

#### YEAR 11 GRADES

Exam boards are now starting to release further details on how grades will be determined in the summer. Departments are implementing robust plans, in line with guidance from Ofqual and the JCQ. Please note that individual subject grades cannot be discussed; the school is not allowed to disclose any information about final grades; however, the process for determining grades has been explained to pupils.

#### YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE OVER EASTER

Easter Holiday Provision					
Week 1	Subject	Staff	Time	Year/Group	Room
Tues 6 April	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Maths	Miss Banks	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	206
	Physics	Mr Brundle	10:00 – 12:00	Y11	313
Wed 7 April	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Maths	Miss Banks	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	206
	Art	Miss Siddiqui	9:30 – 2:00	Y11	112
Thurs 8 April	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Maths	Miss Banks	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	206
	Maths	Mr Cleugh	10:00 – 12:30	Y11 Foundation	207
Fri 9 April	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Maths	Miss Banks	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	206
Week 2	Subject	Staff	Time	Year/Group	Room
Mon 12 April	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Biology	Mr Fenwick Mr Stanford	10:00 – 12:00	Y11	313
Tues 13 April	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Media	Mr Longstaff	9:30 – 12:00	Y11	207
	Textiles/Art	Mrs Fawcett	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	105
Wed 14 April	Chemistry	Mrs Pullen Miss Spark	10:00 – 12:00	Y11	313
	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Art	Miss Siddiqui	9:30 – 2:00	Y11	112
Thurs 15 April	Careers Drop-in clinic	Mrs Phillips Miss Spark	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	103
	All	Mentors	9:30 – 2:30	Y11	101
	Maths	Mr Chambers	9:30 – 11:30	11H3	207

## YEAR 9 OPTIONS

The options process for pupils in Year 9 has started. Mr Cleugh will be updating pupils and parents at the start of the new term, outlining further information about the process and when final options choices should be made. Information, including the timeline, can be found in the options booklet that pupils received on Wednesday 31 March.

## NEW WEBSITE

I am absolutely delighted with our new website. I would like to thank the team at CODA Education, Mr Longstaff, Mr Park and all of the pupils involved in the project. If you haven't had the chance to visit the website, please take a look at [www.hebburn.net](http://www.hebburn.net)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION AND THE NHS

- If your child starts to develop symptoms of COVID-19 within the 48-hr period after breaking up on Thursday 1 April, so that would be any time on Friday 2 April or Saturday 2 April (up until 3.00pm), and goes on to test positive, you must inform the school, via email, at [covid@hebburn.net](mailto:covid@hebburn.net).
- If your child develops symptoms after 3.00pm on Sunday 2 April, you do not need to contact the school, but you must follow the advice from NHS test and trace.
- In the email, you must include the following (only email if symptoms develop in the 48-hr period specified above):
  - Your child's full name and D.O.B
  - Your child's year group
  - When your child started displaying symptoms – date and time required
  - When the test took place
  - When the result came back
  - An up to date number to contact you on
- The inbox will be monitored by the Head Teacher.
- Please note that this inbox will close at 5.00pm on Sunday 2 April. Any information after that will need to go to NHS test and trace; the school will not be able to respond.

## IDENTIFYING CLOSE CONTACTS

- If we do have a positive case within the time frames highlighted above and you receive a text to say that your child is a close contact, he/she must isolate for the time frame specified. Other members of the household can go about their normal business, within the parameters of current restrictions, unless symptoms develop, in which case the whole household should isolate, and a test should be booked.
- Please note that the school will be following government guidance. The last thing we would want to do is break this news over the holiday period, but we must adhere to government guidance.

## FINALLY

I would like to express my thanks once again for the fantastic team effort since the start of term. I am immensely proud of what we have achieved in the face of such disruption and uncertainty.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all parents and carers for your support over this past term, and of wishing all families a safe and pleasant Easter break.

Yours sincerely



Mr D R Thompson  
Head Teacher