



# The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. I mentioned in my previous letter that I would share the feedback from our Remote Learning Parental Survey and am pleased to do so below. I further include advance information about Y11 into Y12 bridging work below.

I confirm that our position with regard to the government's announcement about Y10 and Y12 potentially having 'some face to face time' in school, as detailed in my update on 13<sup>th</sup> May, has not changed. School remains closed for all children other than those in identified key groups. Following the announcement, we are undertaking the complex and essential work now needed and await further detailed government guidance. We are working with the Local Authority in considering all new information and will communicate what it means for our school with you in due course. Please be assured that the safety of our children, families and staff is our priority.

## Remote Learning Survey

Thank you very much to those of you who responded to our survey. I hope it will be of interest to you to see the picture across our school community. Feedback from over 530 responses is, as might be expected, similar to that of the student survey. I attach a summary of the results for information.

Your feedback indicates that generally our children are coping with the current situation. The majority of students have been able to access their work easily or very easily and are finding the workload manageable. Some parents are assisting their children with work some of the time. Most students are spending between 3 and 6 hours on work per day and are working to a rough routine. The majority of students have not encountered problems with a particular subject. The majority of parents are confident that their child is safe online and do not feel that they need further guidance in this regard.

Obviously we want to make sure that all of our children are coping well with remote learning and have introduced the 'catch-up and consolidation' weeks for Years 7-10 to support all students to consolidate learning of the work set to date.

To further support students we introduced some marking and provision of answers and feedback from the start of this term and reduced the volume of work requiring screen time. The overall volume of work for Year 7 has also been reduced for the time being.

Specific issues raised through the survey involving individual students are being followed up with the families concerned. May I remind you that Years 7, 10 and 12 are now able to make direct contact with their teachers if they have questions or queries. Students in Y8 and 9 who are struggling with a particular subject can make that known through the school email [admin@crossleyheath.org.uk](mailto:admin@crossleyheath.org.uk)

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If you feel you have any concerns about online safety, or would like information on general well-being please look at the wellbeing and parent zone sections on our website.

Year 11 into 12 bridging work

Y11 into Y12 bridging work will be on our website for all new Y12 students from w/c 1 June and further prep work will be set at the start of July. This will support students preparing for A-level courses next year. Some other sixth-form providers will similarly upload bridging work to their own websites so those Y11 students not coming back should check with their preferred provider. Our work is available on the website for all our Y11 students, of course, but only covers the subjects we offer at A-level. Students will be contacted directly with the details of how to access the work in the w/c 1 June.

Finally, I have been bowled over by the fortitude, maturity, and good nature of our students from the moment the closure of schools took place. They have demonstrated strength of character, self-motivation and compassion in the weeks since and are a credit to you and the school. The relaxation of some of the lock-down rules this week, together with the government's announcements, whilst welcome in some respects, has created new uncertainties and potential new challenges for many families. Please do remain vigilant with regard to your child's mental health and well-being. If you feel your child would benefit from support with his or her well-being or coping with the current situation, please do not hesitate to contact our pastoral staff: Mr O'Connor [n.oconnor@crossleyheath.org.uk], Mrs Armitage [e.armitage@crossleyheath.org.uk], Mrs Griggs [e.griggs@crossleyheath.org.uk] or Ms Rudman (Y12 &Y13) [j.rudman@crossleyheath.org.uk].

Yours sincerely



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