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## Remote learning during the summer term

Dear parents of pupils in Years 9, 10 and 12

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you've had an enjoyable Easter break, despite the exceptional circumstances we all find ourselves in.

Over the holiday my colleagues and I have been busy making preparation for your daughter or son to continue their learning through the summer term, despite the school being closed. Adapting to remote working is a challenge that I am sure many of you are similarly facing, but I am confident that as time passes, pupils and their teachers will become more confident with their new ways of working. Moreover, I am certain that pupils and staff will demonstrate the courage and resilience to adapt; so typical of Eastbournians and the heroic efforts we are witnessing across the nation. I am sure that your daughter or son will soon find their learning to be the equivalent of that when they are normally in school.

To help you support your son or daughter through the period of adjustment we have put together the attached guide. This is intended to provide you with some useful advice on how to help them manage their work while learning from home. It also gives explanation of how they will receive their work and submit it for review. Please may I ask that you read it carefully so that you can support them when term begins on Wednesday.

As the guide explains, one of the biggest challenges to adapting to remote learning will be helping your child organise their day. Should they wish to, they can still use their normal timetable lesson times to structure when to do their work. It may be the case that the person guiding them may not be their usual teacher, but there will at least be the familiarity of having someone available to support them via Microsoft Teams during their normal lesson times. However, experience has shown that in circumstances where several people might be working from home, it is not always possible to ring-fence time for their learning this way. Please offer them guidance or encourage them to seek help from their tutor or hsm in order to get the support they need to successfully manage their day / week.

Retaining perspective, contacting friends, finding time away from a screen to exercise and recharge are also very important to help maintain your child's health and wellbeing. The guide also provides some useful advice on how they might do this.

Pupils have been sent their own version of the guide so please take the time to discuss it with them. I hope that you find it useful as the new term begins and later for reference. If you have any concerns, please raise them with your child's hsm or tutor in the first instance.

Best wishes

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