



Penwortham Girls' High School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Following the Government's sudden announcement last night, I'm writing to you about the arrangements for your daughter's education for the foreseeable future.

Attendance in School

The Government's guidance is clear; the safest place for your daughter during this period of lockdown is at home. However, we will remain open to the children of critical workers and those who are classed as vulnerable. For further information about the definition for critical workers and vulnerable students, please refer to the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please note: At least one parent must be a critical worker for you to be allocated a place at school. If your daughter meets these criteria then please can you contact the school at your earliest convenience.

Parents of these students will receive a separate letter outlining the arrangements for their schooling.

Remote Learning

Students in all year groups will be expected to engage with home learning, following their normal timetable. Throughout this current lockdown, work will be regularly monitored and recorded on Class Charts. The work set will follow the DfE guidelines for Remote Learning. I must remind you that remote learning will consist of a variety of strategies including amongst other things, voiced-over PowerPoints, live lessons using Zoom and Microsoft Teams and reading tasks. This is to ensure that your daughter has a variety of learning experiences whilst working independently.

If you have any queries regarding your daughter's learning and the curriculum then a list of subject teachers emails are available from the website. Work will be checked and assessed in accordance with the school's Assessment and Feedback policy.

For further information please see the COVID19 Response area of the school website. If you foresee any difficulty in your child accessing the home learning then please contact covidquestions@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk



Communication

In addition to the routine setting of home learning on Class Charts, the main form of communication between your daughter and her teachers will be through her school email. Therefore, your daughter must ensure that she can access her school email. If your daughter has any issues using her email then please contact homesupport@penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk.

Subject teachers will make weekly contact with their Year 10 and Year 11 students. Please encourage your daughter to reply to these emails as this will be the main way that we monitor your daughter's progress and wellbeing.

Pastoral support

We recognise that this may be an extremely difficult time for your daughter. If you have a concern regarding your daughter's wellbeing, then you can alert us by using the Wellbeing function on Class Charts. This alert will be sent to the Senior Leadership team and your daughter's Raising Achievement Coordinator.

There will also be a weekly email from Form tutors, and where concerns are raised, your daughter's Raising Achievement Coordinator will follow this up.

Free School Meals

If your daughter is entitled to free school meals, and is not attending school, we will be using a voucher scheme and will send further information this week.

Online Safety

As your daughter will be spending much more time online, we would remind you of the dangers of unmonitored internet use and the need for added vigilance.

Please check our online page for further updates using the link below;

<http://www.penworthamgirls.lancs.sch.uk/online-safety/2118.html>

Exercise Books

If your daughter has exercise books in school, they can be collected from school reception, from tomorrow. If your daughter requires any new exercise books, again you can collect them from school reception.

Finally, this was not a letter I expected to write and although these are undoubtedly difficult and challenging times, we will endeavour to do everything we can to support your daughter in the coming weeks and months. As and when I have more information I will write to you again.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs K Pomeroy
Headteacher