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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are well.

There continues to be much speculation in the media about when schools are likely to be open again. When I receive concrete information about an expected return date, I shall be sure to let you know as soon as I can. However, what appears to be apparent is that in order to enforce social distancing through to the longer term, it is likely that only certain year groups are likely to be able to return at any one time. This planning has already started in school so if an announcement is made, we will be in a strong position to expedite the return of pupils in whatever way that is suggested.

I continue to be grateful to you for the support you are providing to your child(ren) during the time of school closure. Teachers are continuing to set work and distribute this via email in the first instance. I appreciate the feedback we have received which helps us to plan activities moving forward.

One area of feedback over the last week or so is that parents would appreciate an overview of their child's work so that they can be better placed to guide and support, where appropriate. I am pleased therefore to launch our '*Distance Learning Plans*' which will be updated weekly and are available to download from our website. Initially, these are for Years 7, 8 and 9 only, but we are hoping to publish something similar for Year 10 - this being more difficult owing to the array of option subjects.

Our '*Distance Learning Plans*' provide parents with an overview of the work set for that week, other suggested activities and a possible timetable for pupils to follow each day. The plans can be downloaded via the 'Home Learning' section of our COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.hawardenhigh.org.uk/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>

I hope that you find these plans helpful, however, I will re-state my previous advice to you that *you* are best placed to decide how much work your child should complete at home. I am well aware that each family has a different set of circumstances with varying work schedules and other commitments and I would not want the addition of school work to cause undue stress or anxiety. All I ask is that pupils try to do what they can in the circumstances.

Our contact details remain the same. Please telephone the office with any queries or email: hhmail@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk or ICTsupport@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk for technical support.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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