

19th March 2020

Dear Parent,

HOME LEARNING

Our staff have been working very hard this week to ensure that we have a comprehensive system of home learning up and running for your child(ren). This will be implemented using the Seesaw app which all children have access to on their iPad. Your child has also been issued with a Home Learning Code which will enable them to work on another device, if required.

All of our Junior 3 to Junior 6 pupils have their own school iPad. In these exceptional circumstances, we are also going to issue all Junior 1 and Junior 2 pupils with an iPad for home use. All Junior 1 to Junior 6 children will have their iPad in their school bag today. Please ensure safe receipt when your child comes home today. Furthermore, if you have indicated that you require a charger, this has also been issued.

We understand that some children are not in school today and that some parents would want to make special arrangements for collection of iPads for absent pupils. If your child is absent from school, we will arrange for the iPad to be left at our School Office, clearly labelled with their name. We will have a sign out system for these at the School Office and this will be available from 8am tomorrow morning. If it is easier for the iPad to come home with another pupil, please email adminjs@hsog.co.uk with the details and we will arrange this for you.

As you will understand, this is an unprecedented situation for us and we will work hard to support your child's learning at home. I have attached to this email, a 'Home Learning – Parent Guide' which we hope will give you a starting point for supporting your child's learning. We will commence daily online learning activities from Monday.

Please bear with us in this time of uncertainty. I anticipate a range of technical issues, not least from the increased traffic on broadband. We will do all we can to support but it may take us a little longer than normal to get back to you. Of course, with our teaching staff continuing to work, you should expect updates from me at regular intervals.

The Rector will provide a further update later today but I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the tremendous support our staff have received in these most challenging times. It is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Heather Fuller
Head Teacher