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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope your family is safe and well and that your children are heading into the school Easter holidays ready for some time away from the computer. We realise that students have been adjusting to remote working as much as their parents and teachers have been and appreciate this isn't easy for most of us; not least in households where access to technology is limited by device access or by broadband strength. Most important for us is that students stay safe and feel that they are supported in whatever learning they can manage.

Student Wellbeing

To that end please find our mental health support guide for families attached to this message. It hopefully contains some useful links and information. We have also invited all our students (and staff) to complete a brief wellbeing survey. We want to ensure that we are supporting our young people in a constructive way, something that is harder to gauge when we aren't seeing students in school each day. Do encourage your child to complete it by the end of next week. Each student has been sent a link to their school emails which we are encouraging them to check regularly.

Parental Consent (Year 7 – 10 and Year 12)

We have also offered staff training on the use of video streaming software so that after Easter some staff in some subjects can offer occasional live lessons to students. There is no obligation on students to engage but to do so you must have completed the parental consent form in the Forms section of Weduc. The deadline for this was today but we will leave the form open throughout the Easter holidays to give parents a chance to read the policy and give consent if they wish.

Easter Holiday Supervision

A reminder that this is available for Critical Workers' children and those deemed vulnerable and will only be available via the Community Sport Team based at Carre's Grammar School. A reminder that if you wish your child to have a place on this you must contact Megan.hardwick@carres.uk or Matthew.evans@carres.uk for more information. There is no charge for this but we do need to plan for numbers.

Calculated Grades for Year 11 and 13

We expect to receive information from Ofqual any day and throughout the Easter period we will be considering the next steps we need to take. We will contact parents and students in due course.

Year 7 and 8 Reports

Both of these year groups will have missed out on academic Parents' Evenings due to Covid-19, and colleagues missed the opportunity to feedback on the progress of your daughters. Consequently, we have decided to provide written reports for these two year groups only and these will be shared with parents in May. We will notify parents when these are available for reading and will make arrangements for you to discuss the reports should you so wish.

Home to School Transport with Sleafordian Coaches

In response to enquiries received both at the school and the company, Sleafordian Coaches have issued the following statement:

'No one will be financially disadvantaged by schools being closed where parents have prepaid for those days and recompense will be given at the rate that pupils have paid for every day that is missed. As the position as to how long schools may be closed for becomes clearer, we will be in a position to deal with the issue through either credit against the next academic year or refunds for the amounts prepaid but unused in an organised manner. We appreciate that these are uncharted times for all of us but as a long-standing local company that have served the Sleaford schools for many years with pride, we value the support of parents and will work with them going forward.'

Please also see the attached letter from the local authority if your child requires school transport over the Easter holidays or beyond.

Over Easter

A reminder that we do not expect students to be completing school work over the Easter holiday. Staff will be preparing for the term ahead but won't be replying to queries from students about their work. After Easter new learning assignments will be available on the P: Drive for students to tackle to make sure they maintain good study habits and continue (as far as is reasonable) with their courses.

In the meantime, please see the links below if you have any queries and the attachments. I wish you a peaceful and healthy Easter.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Smith
Head of School

- For all learning or student support related enquiries please contact: enquiries@kshs.uk This inbox is monitored throughout the school day and your email will be directed to the relevant member of staff
- For any queries related to Free School Meals or finance related questions such as refunds for cancelled school events please contact: finance@robertcarretrust.uk
- Queries about the administration of examinations (e.g. statements of entry for Year 11 or 13) can be addressed to our examinations manager: sarah.ross@kshs.uk
- Details regarding the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on summer exams can be found here [here](#) and [here](#)
- If you want advice about keeping your child safe online we recommend these unlimited free online safety guides www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides or the attached factsheet