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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back to Term 5

I hope you all had the chance to enjoy some quality time over the Easter break and would like to take the opportunity to say welcome back to our very first remote summer term! We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time. It is a strange and challenging time for the world, so it's understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure out the best ways to keep in touch, support learning and continue to make a positive contribution to each other's lives. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting your child's College Leader in the first instance. If your child has any issues at all, they should contact their class teacher for help. Most important is the effort they put into their work and trying to maintain good study habits and routines in their day.

We are dearly missing having the pupils in school, but we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with working from home for all except the children of key workers who currently attend the CLF North Somerset Hub on the Haywood Village Academy site. Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for pupils to get stuck into over the summer term. Do remind your child to take breaks away from screens as well, and also ensure that they make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family. While we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep pupils learning and the school and our community connected.

Staying safe online during school closures – a message from Mrs Munro

Keeping children safe online has never been more important. As children spend time at home, perhaps with increased access to the internet, it's vital that we keep them safe from online exploitation. '**Thinkuknow**' have produced a help sheet for parents with lots of useful links, hints and tips to support you in keeping your child safe online. I have attached the help sheet to this newsletter.

Staying In touch - a message from Mr Armstrong, Mr Bennett, Mrs Cox and Mrs Thompson

This week, all our students have been set an attendance challenge to reach out to their College Leader via email or text or phone call, twice a week, to win points for their college. More college points are up for grabs in the weekly quiz and in the Arts Cup. See emails from the College Leaders for details. Students can also keep in touch by following us on Instagram @hpawsm, Facebook and on Twitter @HansPriceAc

Student wellbeing - a message from Mrs Street and the HPA counselling team

We are attaching to this newsletter a pamphlet including details of the organisations in the local area, and nationally, that can provide you and your family with support in maintaining good mental health and wellbeing in these difficult times. Our school counselling team are working from home during the school closure; please do contact us if you have any concerns and would like to speak to one of us.

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Requesting a school place for the children of key workers - a message from Mrs Jones

We continue to offer places at the CLF North Somerset Hub at Haywood Village Academy for the children of key workers who cannot be safely cared for at home. If, due to changing circumstances, you need to request a new place for your child, please email info@hansprice.org.uk for further details.

Remote Learning – a message from Mr White

We have attached to this letter a further guidance sheet on remote learning, to support you and your child with accessing their schoolwork from home. Now that the first set of deadlines for remote learning have passed, class teachers will begin to contact their students via email and telephone, to provide feedback and to further support students who may have got stuck. We will also be awarding achievement points for the effort they put in to completing work, so we hope you will begin to see these appearing via SIMS over the coming days.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

With best wishes,

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Mr T. Searle Principal