

19th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have been absolutely delighted to have been able to welcome our students from the Year 12 cohort back into school this week. We are very much aware that some students would have been nervous about returning, whilst some have found maintaining motivation to be a challenge. However, the students all arrived on time for their sessions and exhibited a good level of engagement in their socially distanced lessons. From this coming Monday, we will be welcoming students from the Year 10 cohort into the school for English, Maths and Science lessons in their groups of 10. Mrs Bashford-Hynes has contacted the families of all children returning in Year 10 to inform them of the arrangements for their 'bubble'. Please contact her via her school email address if you believe that this is not the case. I would again like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and encouragement throughout this challenging period.

Free School Meals Campaign

I would like to join the congratulations to Manchester United's Marcus Rashford this week for orchestrating a high profile campaign that had a significant contribution to the government's decision to extend the free school meals programme throughout the summer holidays. This programme usually runs in term time only; however, the unprecedented situation that we have found ourselves in means that the supermarket voucher system that has been in place since the Easter holidays, has become a significant part of the grocery budget for tens of thousands of families across the country, including many within London boroughs such as Hillingdon. In some cases, the vouchers are supplemented by [food banks](#) such as the excellent provision that exists within the borough. I would again appeal to families to support the local food bank where possible. We are delighted with the outcome of this campaign and know that it will ease some of the worry and anxiety being experienced by many families across the country. Very well done, Marcus!

Associate Membership

I have been asked to inform parents and carers that Hermitage Primary School's governing body has accepted Vanguard Learning Trust's invitation to be an associate school member of the Trust for one year. This is an opportunity for Hermitage Primary School to explore the Trust in terms of opportunities for students and staff as well as the governance arrangements before deciding whether it wishes to legally join Vanguard Learning Trust.

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Diversity Week

From 22nd to 26th June we will be celebrating Schools Diversity Week. Our focus will be looking at the meaning of diversity, whilst exploring equality issues and ways in which as a community we have the power to celebrate diversity and embrace mutual respect and tolerance. While Schools Diversity Week is an initiative led by 'Just Like Us' and focuses on the celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans equality in education, we recognise that celebrating all diversity within our community is vitally important, therefore, we will be sharing sessions on gender, race, disability as well as LGBTQ+. Please encourage your child to engage with the sessions that are shared through Google Classroom.

National School Sport Week

For 2020, National School Sport Week will become National School Sport Week at Home. Right now, young people are missing their friends and the sense of connection they get from enjoying sport and play. Millions of young people will be without a school sports day this summer. This year the Youth Sports Trust are attempting to unite the whole country – families, schools, sport and businesses – in a celebration of the power of sport to bring people together to capture the enjoyment, challenge and camaraderie they are missing out on. In the coming week a series of challenges and activities will be launched by the PE department with prizes up for grabs. I would encourage all families to get involved, get active and keep an eye on your Google Classrooms for more information.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of unmarked lost property still in school. This includes winter coats and PE kits. Early next week, we will be uploading a document to the 'Letters Home 2019 - 2020' area of the website with pictures and brief descriptions of all the items we have. If any of these items belong to you, please email the school reception office@vynersschool.org.uk and we will arrange for it to be returned to you as part of the process to return the contents of student lockers. Any items not claimed by the end of the school year (17th July) will be disposed of. Please can we remind parents that it is much easier to return lost items to students if they are clearly named.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



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