



## Update to Parents and Carers 27 March 2020

We hope you are all safe and well. The last week has clearly been one of significant change for everyone; staff, parents, students and governors have all been getting used to a new way of working against a backdrop of the national 'stay at home' directive.

### Communications home this week

After last week's daily updates as the situation unfolded, there have been fewer whole school updates but we have listed below the communications sent out this week as a reminder:

- Letter to Year 11 and 13 parents/carers/students re. GCSE and A levels
- Email to FSM students
- Email re. FSM fraud awareness from DfE

### Remote learning and survey

As we reach the end of the first week of remote learning for most students, I have been heartened by the positive feedback from staff regarding students' working practices and how well they are coping. The following link offers parent/carers some guidance/questions which may help your child process the instructions and work they are getting from their teachers, help them organise themselves and set priorities and generally keep them 'on track.'

#### [Remote Learning support suggestions](#)

We would value your feedback on the first week of remote learning to guide and support us in future planning. Please use the link below to complete a short survey on this week's remote learning for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. A separate survey for the parents of children in Year 11 and Year 13 will be sent out next week.

#### [Parent Survey Google Form for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12](#)

Students will be invited to take part in a similar survey at the start of next week.

### Keeping safe / wellbeing reminders

I'd also like to remind you of the wellbeing and safeguarding information for students signposted in previous communications

<https://sites.google.com/ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/wellbeingforstudents/home>

### Contacting School

We know there will be times when parents will want to contact staff. Please note that we are currently operating a centralised process for getting in touch and we would ask that you send any communication to the general school admin address [admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk). This will then be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff.

**Year 9 Options**

We will be contacting Year 9 students and their parents after Easter regarding their option choices for Year 10.

**Student Illness**

Please do email your child's tutor via [admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) to let them know if your child is ill and unable to complete the work they are being set through Google Classroom.

We wish you a safe and healthy weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Shapland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**James Shapland**  
**Headteacher**