

February 2021

Dear Parents/carers & pupils

**School closes at 3.00 p.m. Friday 12 February 2021 for half term**

**Remote education will start again on Monday 22 February 2021**



**Westborough  
High School**

Together we Succeed

As we come to the end of the half term, I would like to thank you for all your hard work and support. During these difficult times, it is important that the focus remains on high quality education. There is much in the press about how children are missing out because of the pandemic, however Westborough pupils are really engaging in their lessons; this is because of the excellent partnership approach between home and school.

Teachers report how brilliantly pupils are doing and how well they are adapting to the new way of studying. There is no doubt that, when it is safe to do so, we cannot wait to welcome pupils back into school, but in the meantime the remote education offer means that pupils can carry on learning. Please consult the website [www.w-h-s.org.uk](http://www.w-h-s.org.uk) for further details about how to access the lessons. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the teaching staff for their hard work in adapting to the use of technology to ensure pupils continue to make progress.

### **Communication**

Pastoral staff have continued to keep in close contact with families and I know how much you have appreciated their support. They have helped many families with a wide range of concerns, including forgotten passwords, how to upload documents and supporting young people to keep in good routines. We absolutely appreciate how challenging home learning can be for families and staff will continue to assist you after half term. The 'keep in touch' phone calls are there for you to raise any concerns or support you need.

In addition, if you or your child are struggling with any aspect of school life, please feel free to email [datarequests@w-h-s.org.uk](mailto:datarequests@w-h-s.org.uk) and we will be happy to provide support.

For any safeguarding concerns or advice please email:

- Deputy Headteacher (Mrs Sweasey) [gsweasey@w-h-s.org.uk](mailto:gsweasey@w-h-s.org.uk)
- Family liaison officer (Miss Smith) [ksmith@w-h-s.org.uk](mailto:ksmith@w-h-s.org.uk)

Finally, please make sure you and your families all have a well-deserved half term break. It is an opportunity for learners to have some time away from screens and I know that the PE department have sent all pupils an email about the importance of physical exercise to keep healthy. Please take the time to take part in the activities and have a look at the PE bingo challenge. I might even have a go myself!

It is also a good idea for pupils, and Year 11 in particular, to catch up on work they may be behind with to help get the most out of next half term, but plan this into the week so it does not become stressful.

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I will be doing some walking, catching up on phone calls to family and friends and reading some new books during the break and I hope that you manage some relaxing time together as a family.

Keep safe and thank you once again for your ongoing support. It continues to be a difficult time for so many people but together our school community remains focused on making a positive difference to the life chances of our pupils.

Very best wishes

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

J Napper  
Headteacher