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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week regarding the national lockdown and closure of schools, I am writing to provide you with an update on the provision we have planned for Year 7-10 learners.

- For this week, learners in Year 7 – 10 have been accessing lessons for each subject on the Student Portal. Please click on the following link to access these resources - [Beacon Hill Academy - Years 7-10: January 2021](#). You can also click in the Distance Learning tab on the school website.
- As of **Monday 11th January 2020**, all learners in Year 7-10 will have access to a mixture of Live Lessons and pre-recorded lessons via Microsoft Teams.

In line with government guidance, vulnerable learners, children of critical key workers and those that have EHCP are invited to return to the academy daily. If you are a critical key worker and wish your child to attend school, please can you complete the following Microsoft Form, [Beacon Hill Academy - Return to School \(Key Worker\)](#), if you haven't already done so. This will allow the academy to make the necessary arrangements.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you would like to request a food box for the week, please call the school on 01902 677754. We will then arrange a collection time once your FSM food box is ready for collection.

We understand that many of our learners are at a critical juncture in their education and therefore we seek **your support** to ensure that the intervening time is productive and that learners are accessing the wide array of provision that we have in place for them.

I cannot stress enough, the importance of us working together to minimise the effect of time off school. Your support is critical to ensuring that our learners are accessing the high-quality lessons available to them online in all subjects and ensuring that they are completing the work that teachers are preparing for them to keep up to speed with their studies.

As you are no doubt aware, Microsoft Teams is an important platform which we utilise to provide the virtual lessons which learners have to complete each day. Learners should be familiar with how to access this software having recently been given a Microsoft Teams refresher. Should it be the case that they are not confident in how to access and use the platform, then please see the instructions here:

<https://www.beaconhillacademy.org.uk/curriculum/covid-19-work/assignments>



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We also understand that some learners may be struggling to access work and live lessons as they may not have access to laptops or computers. Others may need Internet access. We have a limited provision of laptops and are expecting some more devices from the DfE. Should you require to loan a device or require Internet access, please email helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk

During the time they are at home, along with the virtual lessons and other assignments provided to them, learners must continue to use the online platforms provided to them. This by now should be an ongoing process. Along with any textbooks or notes that may help facilitate this, I would like to remind you that there are a multitude of learning and revision opportunities through the following sites:

- Hegarty Maths <https://hegartymaths.com/> (Login details are stuck to your child's planner.)
- Century Tech <https://www.century.tech/> (Login details are stuck to your child's planner.)
- GCSE Pod <https://www.gcsepod.com/> (Login details are stuck to your child's planner.)
- BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- The National (Oak) Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- SENECA <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/> (A user name & password will need to be created.)

Should you have any questions or concerns please email helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Dhami
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