

**Vision:** To inspire students to become **confident, ethical and compelling** individuals with the aspiration and qualities to shape a **better future for all**.

**Values:** Respect, Responsibility, Curiosity and Resilience

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and feeling safe.

As you will be aware we are re-entering a period of national lockdown which will last for at least six weeks. During this time we are determined that our students continue to learn effectively and that those who will be coming into school remain healthy. Although we have delayed our mass testing programme for the time being, we will be giving everyone who comes on site a lateral flow test (LFTs). This test will allow us to further ensure that safety of the students and staff who will be coming in daily. Our ambition is to give all members of the school community LFTs before the school fully re-opens. Your support and co-operation with this initiative will be much appreciated.

Having taken the test myself this morning I can reassure you that it is nothing to be nervous about. Please ensure that your child brings a consent form with them when they arrive at school.

FHS is also determined that every student should continue to learn effectively. We are very aware that every 10% of lessons missed equates to a lost grade at GCSE. No student at FHS can afford to miss any learning. We will therefore expect all students to access all lessons for each day between 8.30am and 6.00pm. All work must be submitted by 6.00pm. If work is not completed consistently, we will be insisting that students come into school to work. We are in the process of setting up areas of the school for those students who are not able to work effectively at home. The next six weeks are crucial to your child's future; we want to work in partnership with you and make sure that their futures are full of opportunity and happiness. This especially for Year 11. The next few months offer them all the chance to produce work of a high quality. This will provide the evidence that their teachers need to give them a centre assessed grade that will get them onto courses that can transform their life chances next year.

FHS is determined to make the very best of the opportunities for independent and supported learning that the next few weeks offer. Please feel free to contact me on [john.whitehead@foresthigh.org.uk](mailto:john.whitehead@foresthigh.org.uk) if you have any questions. If you require specific types of support, please contact Mr Fisher on [david.fisher@foresthigh.org.uk](mailto:david.fisher@foresthigh.org.uk) or Mr Love on [andy.love@foresthigh.org.uk](mailto:andy.love@foresthigh.org.uk). They will be able to direct you to the right person.

Please look after yourselves and your family.

Yours faithfully,



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