



## THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S BLUECOAT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Although schools have remained open to both vulnerable and critical worker children, it has been reported this week that the government is hoping to re-open schools to all students in early March depending on a number of factors related to the COVID vaccination programme. We will of course keep you fully up to date as more information becomes available in the coming weeks.

Until a firm decision is made on the full return of all students, remote learning will remain in place. Following the development and improvement to virtual learning that we have worked hard with, we are keen to find out more from you regarding the impact of this lockdown on how families and students are coping with virtual learning at home and the quality of our provision to support students. Your feedback will be really important to us in what we are doing well and what we need to consider for further development and improvement.

Please use this link to a short questionnaire which we would really value your feedback on: <https://go.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/ParentsRLS>

We will also be asking students to complete a questionnaire separately on their experiences with virtual learning to give us a wider perspective.

We will be asking staff to make sure that a greater acknowledgement for effort and engagement in online working is met with praise and rewards from next week. For students who are struggling with lockdown associated issues, if they haven't already sought support from either our Pastoral Mentors or school based CLD Counsellors, I have attached a form from our CLD counselling service to make contact with them.

Lastly, the Department for Education has confirmed this week that schools will be closed over the Spring half term break for all students. This is really important for both students and staff to have a well-earned break. There will be no work set or expectation that students complete any additional work during this week so that they have a good break away from the computer screen. The other advantage of this is that the school will have a natural circuit break from any infectious diseases.

Please have a great break over the weekend to recharge your batteries and enjoy a well-earned rest.

*Always Faithful with Christ*

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Henton." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Martin Henton  
Headteacher