



# WESTON FAVELL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

In these really challenging times, we hope that this finds you and your extended families, well and safe. It is important that you know that all our Sixth Form colleagues continue to be here to support and encourage both our students and their families. Keeping a focus on positive futures has never been more important but we are all learning that working together really is the most effective way forward.

We are all aware that the highest priority is simply keeping well and safe which we know encompasses physical, spiritual and mental health. The sudden and drastic changes may at times continue to seem overwhelming for our students. However, we are able to give you the following reassurances:

- The Sixth Form area on our website has continually updated information in the COVID-19 folder. This includes excellent resources on supporting students' well-being as well as the Y12 exam results awarding process, with confirmation that results will be published in August 2020.
- All teachers are continuing to set work in all subjects regularly through TEAMS. Student engagement with that is actively monitored, and you will be informed where any concern arises.
- We surveyed all students before they left to ensure that their home IT was adequate to allow access to on-line learning and we supported practically, where necessary.
- Mrs Whelan, our Student Manager, continues on a daily basis to make extensive individual contact with students to support, encourage and trouble-shoot. She and I then 'meet' virtually at the end of every school day.
- Our Year 12 Form Tutors have been keeping active and will be supporting their students this term through a series of Life-lessons, starting imminently, including support for post 18 plans.
- Luckily, the online resources are massively helpful in KS5 and so all students know how to access material on PiXL6. Additional independent learning resources such as MOOCs (Massive Open On-line Courses) will be added this term,

We hope that this provides clarity and reassurance. For your part, we would ask for support in a just a few ways:

- Please do feel that you can alert us directly if you have any concerns at a student or family level through an email to Mrs Whelan or me in the first instance.

- We know that establishing routines is vitally important. Please do make sure that students are accessing their school account at least once daily. In addition to lesson time, the guidelines are that each subject requires 4 hours' additional personal study.
- An essential part of achieving academic success and personal development is to develop as an independent learner. As is the case in term time, I would ask your support in ensuring that the maximum 8 hour recommendation regarding paid part-time work, which the National Union of Students sets, isn't exceeded. Their evidence is that this is the maximum any student should do in order to avoid any adverse impact on their academic success and personal well-being.

Finally, I would like to thank you very much for your support, especially when there are so many demands on you and your family, on a daily basis and extend our best wishes for the coming weeks and months.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Mann', written in a cursive style.

**Mrs Louise Mann**  
**Head of Sixth Form**