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Dear Parent Carers,

COVID update

Last week I wrote to you and explained the rationale for retaining the wearing of masks in school. I said I would look at the situation before Friday this week and I have done so. Unfortunately, we are still seeing a very high infection rate both within the staff and student body. We know that wearing a mask in enclosed spaces does help reduce transmission, therefore we are going to continue with the wearing masks in school for at least another week. Please refer to my letter of 20th January for details of the isolation procedures that are required should you or your child test positive. All my communications are available at:

[Communication from the Principal - Herne Bay High School](#)

A consequence of these positive cases is the number of students isolating at home but feeling perfectly well. There is then a knock-on impact on their learning, but I want to assure you that in most instances staff have placed all lesson materials on our Microsoft Teams platform and these should be available on the day for your children to access.

How to access the work

Students must log into Microsoft Teams using their school login.

Then, to access any of the resources used in lesson times they should go to the **Files** area of the **Class Team**. In **Files** they will find the **Class Materials** folder which is where teachers will save all PowerPoints, lesson resources and any revision resources. If your child wants to check their homework for a particular subject, they can do so via the **Posts** as all assignments a teacher creates will automatically appear in the **Posts**. If a teacher wants to share messages or important information such as topic lists for an assessment, equipment needed for a lesson etc this will appear as a message in the **Posts** area of the Team.

Being prepared for school and learning

Can I also remind parents about ensuring children come properly dressed and equipped for school. Every student **MUST** have their school blazer regardless of wearing a coat. Our changed behaviour policy does mean we take account of uniform, equipment and especially LATENESS to either lesson or school and all will contribute to points which lead to receiving an after-school detention, something I am sure your child would like to avoid.

Year 11 Mock exams

Year 11 start their mock exams next week and I would like to re-iterate that these are high stakes exams and will impact on your child's teaching classes, their mentor groups and their exam preparation for this summer. As such, a good amount of sleep, healthy eating and plenty of private study will contribute to being better prepared on the day.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support and enjoy the weekend

With kind regards,

Mr Boyes
Principal