



Haberdashers' Monmouth Schools

31st March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

The Executive team and Governors met last week to finalise arrangements for the Summer term as it looks increasingly likely that we will not be returning to school on the 21st April.

We are, therefore, planning to deliver a dynamic online educational programme which will ensure continuity of education for all our pupils across the different age ranges. This programme will be run from a new online microsite giving easy access to teaching resources and assessments, pastoral care, enrichment activities and a virtual day which can operate across different time zones for our international boarders.

We are determined to retain our sense of community despite the isolation that many of you will be experiencing. Our aim is to deliver the necessary structure and support to ensure some normality for your children during these extraordinary times. Having trialled elements of our remote learning programme during the past week, we are now introducing new software platforms and greater flexibility on the timings for assignments as families juggle to access computers and bandwidth.

We are acutely aware of the economic impact that Covid-19 is having on many people's livelihoods. We will, therefore, be varying our normal terms and conditions in relation to our fees. **The fee for the Summer term 2020 will be set at 60% of the day tuition fee, with scholarship and bursary holders' fees pro-rated accordingly and, of course, no charges for lunches or buses.**

Our schools have significant fixed costs and while we have closed down many areas of our schools and associated enterprises, and furloughed some staff, we are looking for your support through the prompt payment of this 60% fee.

We recognise that some families may struggle to pay fees because of their changed circumstances; if this is the case, please contact our Bursar in the first instance bursar@habsmonmouth.org

We are setting up a hardship fund to support those whose financial circumstances have changed dramatically at this time, and which may continue in the future. We would be immensely grateful to anyone who might be in a position to contribute to this fund, for example, by donating the difference between the amended Summer term fee and the full fee. If you feel able to help in any way, please do contact the Principal on principal@habsmonmouth.org

We wish to weather this storm together and to emerge stronger than ever. Your child's educational needs and wellbeing are our top priorities whilst we remain closed to all but key workers' children. None of us can predict when we will re-open for business as usual, but we are ready and waiting to open as soon as the government gives us the go ahead.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Chairman of Governors