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Dear Parent/Carer

## Summer Term 2020

I hope that you and your family managed to have an enjoyable Easter in these unusual circumstances.

As strange as things are, today is the first day of the new term. This means that teachers are once again setting regular work for students, in line with their timetabled lessons (Week B). As was previously the case, students will be alerted to work through Firefly. It continues to be important for parents to monitor their child's engagement in learning on a regular basis, providing appropriate challenge and support where needed. Our monitoring will indicate if a student is <u>regularly</u> and <u>frequently</u> not engaging with their learning tasks. If this is the case for your son or daughter, the Year Manager will alert you to this fact so that additional support can be offered to improve the situation.

Prince Henry's continues to offer provision for a small number of invited students (the children of key workers and our vulnerable students). The parents of students who are eligible to attend the provision have already been contacted by school. This provision, now based at Ashfield School as part of the North Otley Childcare Hub, was also available every day during the Easter holidays and I am grateful for all staff who volunteered to work during their holiday in order to make this possible.

Parent/carers of Year 11 and Year 13 students have been emailed separately about the process exam boards will use to award 'calculated grades' for this year's GCSE and A level qualifications. If this affects your child, please remember that staff at school are unable to discuss individual grades with parents or students.

Please continue to be aware of how to keep your child safe online. Useful advice for how to do this can be found in section 6.3 of the Department for Education's guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings:

• <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers</a>

Finally, please remember that copies of all school communications regarding the current situation can be found in the "School Closure" section on the home page of our website. This also contains support and information on topics such as domestic violence, mental health and wellbeing.

I wish you and your family the best over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

Ms Janet Sheriff Executive Headteacher