



Thursday 4th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As always, the views and feedback of our parents and carers are important to us. We need to work together to ensure that your children are receiving the education that they are entitled to and, of course, deserve. Even though the last four weeks has certainly been very different and not without its challenges, we have tried our best, as an academy, to ensure that our students' education has continued with as minimal disruption as possible to our curriculum and overall provision.

The letter you received on Thursday 28th January 2021 detailed how we are using Office 365 predominantly to teach live lessons, set and assess students' work. The entire team at Pool Hayes Academy has come together to ensure the safety, well-being and education of our students. We have already adapted our approach in some ways, based on parental and student feedback we have received. For example, we are conscious of the amount of time both staff and students are sat in front of a screen for long periods of the day. For this reason, staff have already started to implement ways to use 'screen free' strategies and activities in their lessons whilst still covering the full curriculum. This has been really beneficial for both staff and students so this is something we will continue to develop for both staff and students' health and well-being. Our weekly staff training sessions that focus on how we can most effectively teach remotely will continue too.

We are very proud of all that we have achieved together to date, but we also know that we need to reflect and consider what is working well and what we still need to do in order to further improve and develop our provision. **Therefore, we are asking you to complete a short survey by 4pm on Monday 8th February 2021. The link to the survey is here:**
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8vifwdall0ecKumA7HSBFLjQKK7FFrJ0vINJ1Z9jAvdUOUxEQ1k2QzJDNkdZNIhEUDhWTjdFNzE3RS4u>

We are also asking for feedback from our students and staff. We will then, of course, consider feedback from all of our stakeholders in order to keep improving our remote provision.

Thank you for your continued support, kind words and appreciation. In this strange time, it is, more than ever, appreciated. Please remember to follow our social media accounts @poolhayesacad on Twitter and Instagram for live updates from the academy. In addition to this, we have a brand new website where you can find useful information. In particular, please look at the 'Remote Learning' section on our website which includes support guides and 'How to' videos which parents, carers and students will find useful. The link to this section of our new website is here:

<https://poolhayes.attrust.org.uk/students/remote-learning/>

Alternatively, you can find the 'Remote Learning' tab under the 'Student' tab on our home page.



As always, we are here for you if you need us for anything at all. Please contact us if needed either by phoning us during normal academy hours on 01902 368147, or by emailing us anytime at office@poolhayes.atrust.org.uk

Best wishes

P. J. Harris

Mrs Harris
Principal

