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Mr Jim Roberts- Headteacher

25th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Speculation about when students will return to school continues to gather momentum in the media. Gavin Williamson (Secretary of State for Education) said last week that schools and parents would have "absolutely proper notice" of when children were going to return, which he said would be a "clear two weeks" for teachers and families to get ready. I don't think it is helpful for me to add to that conversation, other than to say that as soon as I have any confirmed, additional information I will let you know. Until then we will continue to support students and families by providing high quality remote learning and maintaining a connection with our school community as best we can.

The focus of my letter last week was our PSHE curriculum and careers education. This week I would like to focus on the importance of reading. I am sure you will appreciate the impact regular reading and positive reading habits have on academic success and life beyond the classroom, but reading for pleasure also has a positive impact on our mental health and well-being. Our students are encouraged to read a broad range of challenging and interesting texts in lessons and at home, as part of homework. Maintaining these reading routines and habits is vital during the school's partial closure.

There are lots of ways that you and your child can access a broad range of texts for free and support reading at home. Ms Sorensen (Lead Practitioner in Literacy) has put together a few suggestions with links to resources.

Recommended reading lists The updated reading lists for 2020-2021 now include; faculty recommendations, top picks for reluctant readers or readers who prefer visual/less dense texts. The lists also include some dyslexia-friendly titles; quick-paced reads of longer books and a range of titles written by BAME authors. There is also a guide to recommended audiobooks.

Hove Park School Audio Book Library – a collection of favourite extracts read by Hove Park School staff.

Hove Park School Book Taster Collection. A carefully selected selection of extracts and opening chapters from a range of authors and genres. The collection is regularly updated and there are titles for avid readers, reluctant readers and dyslexia-friendly books, as well as book of the month.



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Brighton and Hove libraries. Even though the libraries are currently closed, they have an extensive online catalogue of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and comics that can be borrowed. If you are not already a member you can join for free <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-arts/libraries/join-our-libraries>.

Lovereading4kids.co.uk is a fantastic website that provides book recommendations and access (via a free account) to extracts from a vast collection of books and audio books carefully selected for different age groups and interests. There is a fantastic collection of dyslexia friendly titles and books for reluctant readers.

Free virtual library created by Oak Academy and National Literacy Trust. Each week the library will feature reading and writing activities from a popular children's author. There will be free access to books, audio books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads. Authors and books featured so far are Jacqueline Wilson's *The Story of Tracy Beaker* and Nizrana Farook's, *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*.

I have also attached the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) *7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home* resource which you may find of use. Look out for our reading challenge starting at the beginning of February. Happy reading!

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts
Head teacher



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Service	Offer	Contact
Hove Park Support accessible remotely		
Your Year Team	We would always recommend that if you have any questions or worries, that you contact your child's Year Team as they will be able to help with a wide range of school based concerns or signpost you to where you can find support.	Year 7 – Miss Satterly ESatterly@hovepark.org.uk Year 8 – Mr Lowrie TLowrie@hovepark.org.uk Year 9 – Mr Frimpon sfrimpon@hovepark.org.uk Year 10 – Mr Agnihotri sagnihotri@hovepark.org.uk Year 11 – Mr Streeter mstreeter@hovepark.org.uk 6 th Form – Neil Wickens NWickens@hovepark.org.uk
Safeguarding Team	All of us have a responsibility for Child Protection. This means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • protecting children from abuse • promoting the welfare of children • preventing children from being harmed If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a young person, please contact the Safeguarding Team	Always include safeguarding@hovepark.org.uk in any correspondence Designated Safeguarding Lead and Designated Teacher for Looked After Children – Mrs Nansi Mellor nmellor@hovepark.org.uk Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Cassey Gaywood cgaywood@hovepark.org.uk
Wellbeing Team	The Wellbeing Team provide mental health support offering advice, assessment and	Lauren Pinney lpinney@hovepark.org.uk

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	therapeutic intervention. Referrals are made via your child's Year Team and there may be a waiting list. We are working via email, telephone and prearranged Teams meetings.	
Your Space	Your Space is a self-referral system for students at Hove Park who would like to access mental health support. Students are offered a time to talk to a member of the Wellbeing Team to assess what support they might need. This email is only monitored during school times. Unfortunately, we cannot offer face-to-face appointments at this time, but students can choose contact via telephone or email.	yourspace@hovepark.org.uk
Brighton and Hove Organisations		
School's Wellbeing Service	If you have any concerns about their Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing you are invited to talk to a Primary Mental Health Worker from	SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk or call 01273 293481 and leave a message.

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	the Schools Wellbeing Service. (see attached flyer)	
Allsorts	Allsorts Youth Project listens to, supports & connects children & young people under 26 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or unsure (LGBTU) of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.	To find out more at Hove Park contact, Mrs Pinney, lpinney@hovepark.org.uk education@allsortsyouth.co.uk https://www.allsortsyouth.org.uk/young-people
ChatHealth – School Nursing Team text messaging service	ChatHealth is a secure and confidential text messaging service for young people, aged 11-19. It provides an easy and anonymous access with a healthcare professional for advice and support.	A safe and easy way for young people to speak to a qualified health professional confidentially about all kinds of health issues, like emotional health, sexual health, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns - https://chathealth.nhs.uk or text 07480635423
e-wellbeing	e-wellbeing is a digital wellbeing service for young people, run by YMCA DownsLink Group. Our aim is for all young people to be able to access the right support and information around their emotional health and wellbeing, in the right place, at a time that is right for them.	https://e-wellbeing.co.uk

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Emergency Mental Health Support	If you require urgent support for your child's mental health please call Specialist CAMHS on 0300 304 0061 between 08:30am – 4:00pm. Outside of these hours, seek support from the Royal Alexander Children's Hospital or call 999	
National Organisations		
Childline	Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, our trained counsellors are here to support you.	https://www.childline.org.uk
Young Minds	The UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. Support, advice and guidance on a range of mental health issues for young people, parents and carers.	https://youngminds.org.uk/ Parents Helpline – call 0808 802 5544 Or email the Parents Helpline using our contact form .
Al-Anon	Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire is there for anyone whose life is or has been affected by	https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk/

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	someone else's drinking.	
National Domestic Abuse Helpline	Call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247.	https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/ 0808 2000 247.
Winston's Wish	Winston's Wish supports bereaved children, young people, their families, and the professionals who support them.	winstonswish.org . Our Freephone National Helpline is free to call on 08088 020 02

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