

# Harpurhey Alternative Provision School

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Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

These are increasing difficult times and everyone at HAPS hope that you are all well and coping with the immediate challenges and those that lie ahead. You should have received contact from staff checking on your child's and families' wellbeing in this time; this will be a continuing process.

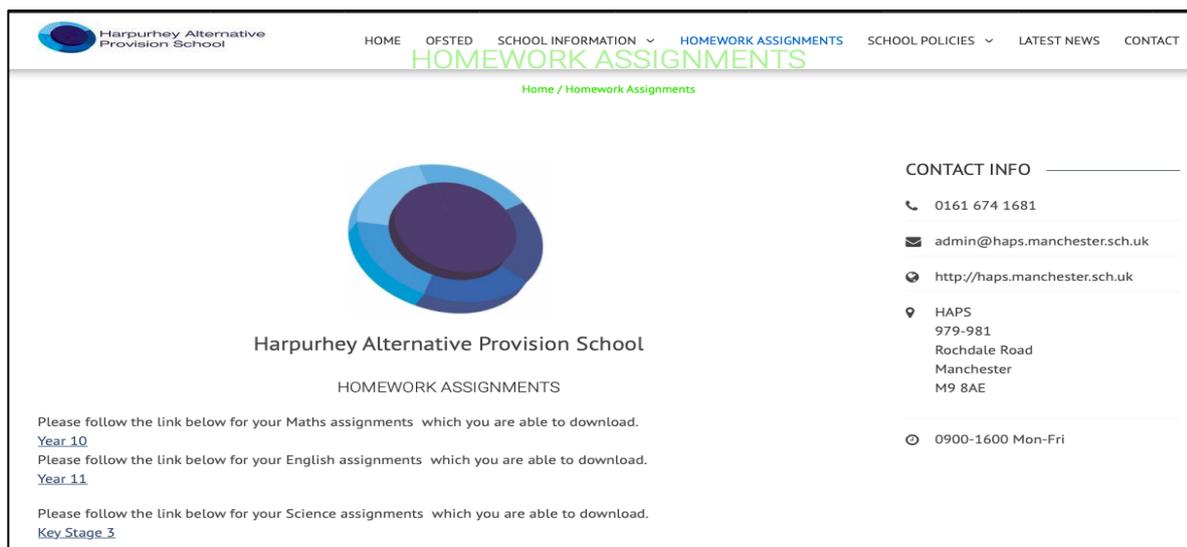
You should have received my previous letter sent at the weekend, that covered a number of aspects such as examinations, re-opening for students that are vulnerable /children of key workers, free school meals and our safeguarding procedures whilst on closure.

**If you are a Key Worker that requires a place at school for your child starting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, please complete the attached 'Key Worker Request' form and return to HAPS prior to this date. A child of a Key Worker cannot start school without a completed form and accepted place.**

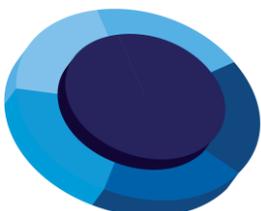
I am writing to you to highlight the importance and access of home learning for students whilst they are at home. We have two approaches to this that supports families with and without Internet access.

## Homes with Internet access

Those families who have Internet access are able to access and download a number of resources across subject areas from our school website: [www.haps.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.haps.manchester.sch.uk) which has a 'homework assignments' tab in the navigation bar. This will open up options for Year 11, Year 10 and Key Stage 3 students.



The screenshot shows the 'HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS' page on the school's website. The page features a navigation bar with links for HOME, OFSTED, SCHOOL INFORMATION, HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS (highlighted), SCHOOL POLICIES, LATEST NEWS, and CONTACT. Below the navigation bar, the page title 'HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS' is displayed in green. A large blue circular graphic is centered on the page. To the right, there is a 'CONTACT INFO' section with details for phone (0161 674 1681), email (admin@haps.manchester.sch.uk), website (http://haps.manchester.sch.uk), and address (HAPS, 979-981 Rochdale Road, Manchester M9 8AE). At the bottom, there are three links for downloading assignments: Year 10 (English), Year 11 (English), and Key Stage 3 (Science).



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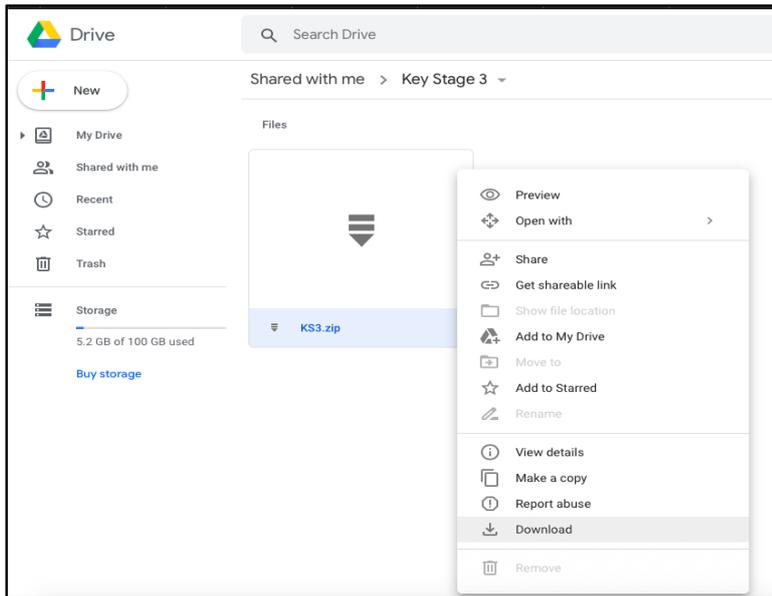
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## Downloading



By clicking on these safe links you will be directed to a Google Drive which hosts a .zip folder of work containing Maths, English and Science work.

A right- click of this folder will give you the option to download, which you can do safely. This will place the .zip folder on your device.

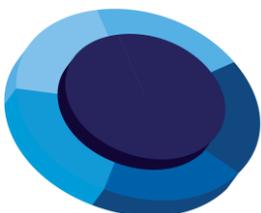
To unzip the folder, simply right click the download and select 'unzip compressed folder' this will give full access to all the documents inside to edit, print and complete.

## Homes without Internet Access

If you do not have Internet Access at your home we are encouraging a drop off and collect service at the front door of the school between the hours of 10.00am and 12.00pm only on each Friday, whereby a student can come to the front door, submit their learning and collect more for home learning. Social distancing measures should be applied on travelling to the school, and they will be applied at the school to maintain Government legislation. Groups of students should not coordinate their arrival at once, it is expected that a parent/carer will bring them to the door. The handover will be swift and concise to prevent any unnecessary contact and/or queuing. Students or parents must not arrive at the school if they display symptoms or are under self-isolation periods. We are trying to support whilst minimising risk.

## Submitting work

All work can be submitted at the front door of the school each Friday between the hours of 10.00am and 12.00pm, with the strict social distancing measures in place. In addition, work can be submitted electronically to the email [learning@haps.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:learning@haps.manchester.sch.uk) this will be monitored, marked and feedback given as appropriate.



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## **Importance of home learning**

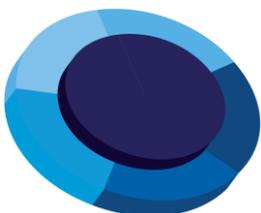
It is vitally important that your child maintains their studies whilst at home. The isolation and closures will hopefully be over as soon as possible, and education will resume as normal, with expectations of progress and recalling learning. By not completing the work available your child risks their progress when we commence school again. For those students in year 11 we now know that GCSE grades will be submitted based on work completed and working levels, by continuing your studies you are strengthening your claim to a better grade, which the teachers will be submitting on your behalf.

Whilst we are, for the most part closed, please be assured of our continuing commitment to work with you and provide access to whatever support we can. It is vitally important that your child and your family follow the latest Government advice regards the 'lockdown' period we are now in, to support the vulnerable, the NHS and each other; it is a tough measure, but it is there for good reason.

Everyone at HAPS hope that you all stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

James Bradley  
**Headteacher**



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