

# Harpurhey Alternative Provision School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

This has been a term that has had it all. A full lockdown, remote learning, cancelled exams, mass testing and a full return to the classroom. As a school, just like everyone in the community, we've had to adapt and adjust to the different challenges that have come our way.

As you know I make no secret of the fact that I've been incredibly proud of the school all the way through the pandemic, and especially this last term. I have been awed by the flexibility and dedication of my colleagues, humbled by the support of parents and carers, and inspired by the resilience, attitude and can-do approach of our students. We may not be out of the woods yet and I am sure there are challenges to come, but one thing we can rely on is that we'll get through it together.

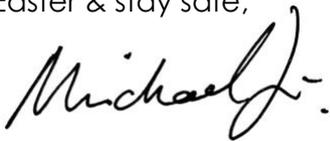
A quick word on lateral flow testing. We've been asked to encourage families to carry on with the testing twice a week at home throughout the holiday. This is why we are distributing the home testing kits. Please report test results and positive cases (2 lines on the tester) directly to us via the email [covid@haps.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:covid@haps.manchester.sch.uk) or via text message to the school mobile number, 07842 449659.

We've only had 18 days back in the new-normal routines, and already students and staff are setting into familiar routines. I would like to remind you that the school uniform is black top & black trousers or skirt, and as the weather improves black shorts if desired. I make no apology for having high standards and have every faith that students will rise to meet them.

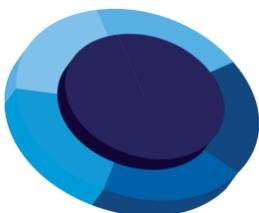
As a group of students and staff we now have a crucial job to do to ensure students get the grades they are capable of, and we are approaching the task with a considered determination that I am sure will pay dividends. Students – do some revision/work over the break and come back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April ready to show evidence of what you can do.

Huge thanks for your ongoing support,

Happy Easter & stay safe,



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