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Dear Parents and Guardians

We continue to be thinking about our KE Aston families during school lockdown and hope that this letter finds you safe and well. To those celebrating this month, we'd like to wish you Ramadam Mubarak.

We are missing the pupils enormously at Aston and are looking forward to the day when we can all safely return to school. The staff have created a picture message for the boys which has been emailed to them and can be seen on our Twitter account @KEASTONVI or on the school website LINK

Changes to online learning

As a result of a review of our current online teaching practices I am writing to you with an update to our delivery of lessons via Teams.

Pupil feedback indicated that whilst the majority of pupils feel that they are coping well with the work set, they would benefit from additional time to complete their work and more flexibility in terms of deadlines. As a result, from today we are making some changes to our online teaching for the remainder of the half term.

We have issued the following guidance:

- 1. Deadlines for work to be submitted
 - i. Year 12 deadlines will be extended to a minimum of two school days after the timetabled lesson
 - ii. Years 7-10 deadlines will be extended to a minimum of three school days after the timetabled lesson
- 2. Lessons taught
 - i. Subjects where classes have a lesson **fewer than 3 times a fortnight** will reduce the work to 30minutes per lesson
 - ii. Subjects where classes have a lesson **3 or more times a fortnight** will drop the last lesson per fortnight, giving an additional 'free' period for pupils in order to catch up. Where the last lesson is a double lesson, the last single lesson before the double will be dropped.

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iii. Class teachers will communicate these changes to their classes via Teams.

These changes should give additional space and time for pupils to catch up on work and manage any challenges with accessing IT at home. I hope these changes help to support your son's home learning.

Bank Holiday Friday 8 May

Due to the bank holiday this Friday there will not be any online learning set and teachers will not be available via email or on Teams. In the event of an emergency please contact either Mr Parker (<u>c.parker@keaston.bham.sch.uk</u> 07584 328316) or Ms Lewsey (<u>s.lewsey@keaston.bham.sch.uk</u> 07584 328034) including your return contact details in the message.

Thank you for the incredible support you are giving the boys at home during such a challenging period. Please keep in touch via Year Leaders in the first instance if you feel your son needs any additional input from school.

Kind regards

Ms S Lewsey

Deputy Headteacher

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