

## Parents' Comments Virtual Hanford

*We are missing Hanford terribly, but definitely feeling Very close with all of the wonderful communications and incredibly well-managed virtual school, rather than feeling removed - though, I have to admit to being terribly 'un-managed' the other day as she sat at her desk on Thursday wondering why she couldn't join.*

*It is so Interesting to experience, at home, 3 very different approaches, from 3 schools, to the virtual schooling - may I say that Hanford's is my 'favourite' !*

*I have been meaning to get in touch to say what a fantastic job you and all your Hanford team are doing. Having children at 2 different prep schools and one state school we can safely say that Hanford is leagues ahead in the quality of virtual schooling and we are so impressed, grateful and appreciative particularly as we have to sit with her two sisters all day to get their work done.*

*Thank you so very much to you and all the staff for doing a fantastic job at keeping Hanford going despite the lockdown – virtual Hanford is pretty damn good! Our daughter is motivated and we are still doing our 30 mins revision every day. Thank you also for the pep talk about that – she did have a massive exam wobble a couple of weeks back and thanks to your u6th parent talk, I was able to support her and do the right thing at the right time so thank you!*

*We just wanted to say a big thank you to you and to all the staff at Hanford for all their hard work during this lockdown period. Lalage has been very engaged in her lessons and has kept busy throughout the day. It is working really well!*

*Description: Firstly, I wanted to say what an amazing job I think Hanford are doing with Hanford Online! Our daughter is so engaged, she gets up, does exercise, has breakfast, goes to lessons, plays instruments, makes pencil cases from helpful packs that arrive in the post, gets in her sports kit and I can see her from my office window doing yet more exercise. Frankly she doesn't stop and apart from missing the ponies, the fabulous surroundings of the school and her lovely friends in a physical sense, is doing so amazingly well. So Thank You to you all, you really are doing such an amazing job. (I also thoroughly enjoyed the Roman dishes created this morning too!)*

*Thank you all so much for all the incredibly hard work you have put in.....The feedback from the parents in our Whats.App group is also amazingly positive. Congratulations to you all at Hanford!*

*I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU for all Hanford have done and are doing to keep school going, our daughter is enjoying her lessons and has loved the virtual games sessions particularly! It's no small feat. Have a happy weekend. I know I'm exhausted being the school matron, cook, IT consultant and teaching assistant is a full time job!!*

*Firstly, may I say how impressed we are with the online learning programme put together so quickly and seamlessly for the girls to enable them to continue with their learning. This all being put together at a time when the teachers should have been having a well-earned Easter break as well. Thank you.*

*May I just say, and I can't quite put it eloquently enough, but we are very impressed with the Hanford online lessons, particularly in comparison to other schools. I know that you and your staff will have had to work full time through out what would have been school holidays and with a rapid learning curve of three weeks of jolly hard work to be prepared for this extraordinary new method of teaching and we are very grateful*

*We just wanted to say a very big thank you for the laptop that arrived safely today for our daughter. What a joy it was to receive a computer that was all set up and ready to go! She is thrilled to be able to work on a proper computer rather than the ancient iPad she was using. It will make life much easier for her and she knows to take good care of it while it is in her care. We also wanted to say how very grateful we are for all the behind the scenes work you must have put in, and are continuing to do, to make 'virtual' school happen. Putting our own rural broadband issues aside(!), everything has run incredibly smoothly for something that was set up in such a short space of time. Thank you.*

*We've been so impressed and delighted and think all staff - sans exception - have been outstanding in output, commitment and human connection. Description: Well done Rory, it is all very impressive - we are thrilled at the quality of the service being delivered.*

*Many thanks for your email and everything you have done to help 'Virtual Hanford' become such a huge success, Bea is very much enjoying the virtual challenge! Both my husband and I have been working full time, as well as having the three children at home, but the adjustment to virtual schooling has appeared to be effortless for our daughter but she has quickly adapted to all the changes. No doubt this is due to all the hard work from Hanford staff over the Easter holidays having to do a significant amount of preparation for the new term and the transition to on-line schooling, so a huge thank you to everyone involved.*

*Thank you very much, I am loving all the lessons and it has been really nice to be able to catch up with everyone! I think that there has been a great amount of balance between screen as to make sure our eyes don't go square! So thank you!*

*Just a few brief observations on virtual Hanford. Two and a half days into the summer term and our daughter has completed sitting room circuits, Violin and Piano lessons, Brownies and Tennis amongst her activities so far. The snippets of lessons I have overheard have been delightful, it's business as usual, which is both comforting and reassuring for her. There is however, one slight snag. It appears that the range of lunchtime puddings on offer here is not up to the expected standard and she is wondering if you could teleport 2 trays of Banoffee pie at your earliest*

*convenience! Please give my best wishes to all the staff, they are doing an amazing job which is very much appreciated*

*Well done! Bravo and congratulations to team Hanford! It is wonderful to see the Hanford family back together albeit in a virtual environment. The implementation plan and procedures seem to have got off to a great start.*

*Thank you for your inspiring “welcome back” to Hanford and many congratulations to you and Carrie on the brilliant “virtual” curriculum you have devised and the way you and all the staff have responded and adapted with such impressive elasticity, to these challenging circumstances.*

*I hope you are well. Just to feed back that I am hugely impressed by the online learning resource that has been set up and teaching. Brilliant and E is loving it and so happy to see and speak to her friends again. Mr J’s welcome back was great! Elinor wouldn’t allow me to be in the screen at ‘drop off’ as I am viewed as a deeply embarrassing parent 😂 so was made to sit on the sofa at a safe distance and listen. Go Team Hanford!*

*We have been so impressed with Hanford’s online classrooms and our girls seem to love it too! If there is an internal group e-mail for staff please could you pass on our huge thanks to all the staff for making remote learning (a new concept for us all) so engaging and enjoyable. We were reminding the girls this evening, that in addition to delivering their lessons, the Hanford staff will be facing all the same logistical challenges at home that we have, namely barking dogs, an insurmountable pile of laundry, the never ending admin and queuing for groceries... so we had a clap for the Hanford staff as well as the NHS!*

*Description: Excellent, it is an exciting and dynamic experiment; one that we wish we didn’t have to take, but the Hanford we love seems to be shining through.*

*A very short note but just to say we're all so impressed with what Hanford has laid on in its virtual incarnation. And I know the same goes for other parents too. V well done! (Though hoping the return to physical school may happen before too long.)*