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Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to those students and parents who were able to complete the survey last week, it was useful to take feedback on how the first week had gone. I would like to thank our parents for the overwhelming number of thank you emails all of our staff have received over the past few weeks, it really has been appreciated.

Following my letter last week, a small number of parents raised the point that their child had found it useful to keep to their normal timetable. Although we have asked staff, where possible, to make all of the work available at the beginning of the week, it doesn't mean that students can't still follow their normal timetable to complete the work. They can also supplement their learning by using the curriculum maps and overviews on the school website, as well as accessing the increasing number of websites which are supporting learning nationally. It is worth noting that a number of our families only have one device in their household. They may have more than one child and may also be working from home themselves. We also have students looking after others, as a member of their family unit has been diagnosed with COVID-19, therefore, accessing lessons at the exact time on a students' timetable is not possible. I believe what we have put in place for after Easter will support the vast majority of students.

We will start to provide bridging work for Year 11 students who are going onto A Level. We are hoping to have this in place from Monday 27th April.

A number of staff have produced guides on how to use the programmes that the students have been accessing for teaching. These will be put in the 'Coronavirus' area on the school website.

As of today, we have received guidance on how schools will be allocating grades for GCSE and A Level qualifications. We will be working on this over Easter and will publish more information after the break. The government have produced a letter for students, which we will upload to Edulink. I kindly ask that you do not email us with any questions about exams grades at this time.

As students are spending a greater amount of time online, can I ask you to revisit advice on how to keep children safe. Information and useful website links can be found in the Coronavirus area on the school website. I would recommend an open conversation with your child about their online habits e.g.

1. Don't give out personal information
2. Only liaise with people you know
3. Report anything you are unsure about
4. Think carefully about your behaviours when talking online, texting, messaging others, gaming etc.

We have also added links to support families with mental health.



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A reminder that the school is closed over the next two weeks and staff will not be setting work. However, students can still access learning if they so wish through subject specific websites. An updated list of useful academic sites will be sent to the students via Edulink.

I do not want to diminish the seriousness of the situation that we find ourselves in. However, I do hope that you have been able to take positives from the last two weeks. Whilst my hair is continually growing to the length of a 1970s footballer, and I may need elasticated waists by September, it has been a pleasure to spend more time with my children, do regular exercise, play board games with the family and communicate with extended family frequently through video conferencing. I do hope that you are also having the opportunity to spend more time together.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to extend our thanks to all parents who are keyworkers, especially those in frontline roles. I also wish a speedy recovery to any of you who are currently unwell.

I wish you all a safe Easter period.

Kind regards

Matt Warren
Headteacher