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Dear parents/carers

I hope that you are all safe and that this letter finds you and your family in good health.

I would also like to say another huge thank you for all of the continuing messages of support. These are extremely challenging times, and with undoubtedly more difficult decisions to come; it is greatly appreciated to know that we have your full support.

I also wanted to thank you for your patience as we continue to move forward. I know that there has been some frustration around class logins and passwords etc. The staff are working extremely hard to make sure that all students have appropriate work to do at home whilst ensuring that we continue to care for our young people and their families.

We have tried to keep you informed of the constant changes and guidance from the DfE and Government and will continue to do so via our social media and website as well as more personal communication. Like you, we await further guidance from the Government due on the 28th May.

After half term the school will continue to provide the support it is currently doing for children of key workers and children requiring additional support and we will begin a programme of 'face to face' events for Year 10 students whilst continuing with the home learning packages for all years.

Behind the scenes, there is a great deal going on to plan for every possible eventuality. We have worked on several classrooms already to ensure social distancing measures are in place and all aspects of health and safety are being mapped out. We will of course share all our plans and safety measures with you before ANY decision is made to have our young people return to school in any numbers.

There is an incredible amount of speculation in the media regarding the return to school and I know there are wide ranges of views on this.

For our school community, I have no doubt that we will continue to work together in partnership as calmly and positively as we have done so far. We have taken incredible strength and inspiration from your support and I hope that you and your children have felt our care and continuing desire to educate, even from afar.

As we plan for the future, I am clear that our role as a school is to help our young people emerge from this as strong, as positive, as caring, as socially connected and as successful as possible. I know that we have seen great qualities emerge in our children and have been impressed with their resilience, creativity and their ability to help and inspire others. This may well be a generation whose experiences inspire them to build a better society and live life in all its fullness.

I hope that during next week's 'half term' you can manage to rest and spend quality time with family and loved ones. Stay safe and God Bless.

Make sure you check our social media today where we're celebrating our young people's achievements.

Yours faithfully





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