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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and that you and your families are coping in these difficult times. As we approach the end of the first week of 'lockdown' I wanted to drop you a brief line to remind you that we are continuing to offer some limited provision for the children of our 'key worker' families although the numbers of children in school are very low. Many of the staff are now working from home as per government guidance. They are continuing to set and monitor work and will communicate with you and your child if needs be and if they remain fit and well.

I also hope that all of the students are coping. I have had many messages this week from people across our school community saying they are enjoying the work and are doing their best to do some physical activity as well as keeping their brains active. As we will likely be in this situation for some time to come, please advise your child that this is more a marathon than a sprint. Trying to stick to some sort of routine will be helpful so setting up a plan and sticking to it would be advisable.

To our students in Years 11 and 13. Ofqual and the government have said that they will publish further guidance on how examination grades will be awarded this year. This information is due next week so I will be in touch then once it comes though. For those of you that haven't seen it, their initial guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced?utm_source=96f31727-1fb9-408b-a7fa-d91d4ceaeb6b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

My message to all of our students is as already stated. Please do not panic or worry. We will do everything we can to ensure your grades are as good as they possibly can be in this new system. You are not unique in this situation every student in the country is facing the same situation so the DFE will do everything they can to ensure that no one is at a disadvantage.

Finally a plea to parents and carers. I would urge that your children observe the measures put in place by the government around social-distancing. Some young people, including in our school, have been seen out and about in groups. This is dangerous and irresponsible. They may be lucky and escape any nasty side effects of the virus but they also may become a carrier and could pose a substantial risk to other people in the family and local community. Please advise them to stop and consider the potentially lethal consequences of their actions.

If school can help in any way at this time, please get in touch. In the meantime, I wish you all a pleasant and healthy weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mike McGarry, Headteacher