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Dear Parent/Carer/Students

I hope you and your families are all well and have managed to have some sort of Easter break. This is certainly the strangest start to a new term that I have ever experienced, as I'm sure it is for all of you and for your children. I hope they are all well and are doing their best to adjust to our temporary, new reality. The government continue to update their advice and guidance and the latest version for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Here at school we continue to offer some limited provision for children of key workers but you will be aware from the media that the lockdown measures will be in place for at least another three weeks. Staff will therefore, from today, be once again setting remote work for our students via ClassCharts. I stress once again, the guidelines of 30 minutes per hour lesson in Yrs7-9 and 45 minutes per hour lesson in Years 10 and 12. The Department for Education have developed some new online resources and the BBC will be publishing a suite of new learning resources via 'Bitesize' as from today. The teaching staff may well incorporate some of these new materials into their learning plans moving forward but your children should be encouraged to browse through these materials as part of their general revision and learning. Please do continue to encourage them to try and stay physically active as much as is possible at this time also.

I did write separately recently to Yr11/13 students and their parents and both myself and Dr Ainsworth will be in touch again this week with further updates relating to exam grades/Sixth Form offers/academic work and future destinations. If you have any specific questions, please direct them to the relevant member of staff in school who will get back to you.

Two quick words of thanks. The first to staff who provided lessons over the Easter period here in school for key worker children. I believe the activities were very well received even if the students (and staff) did eat too much chocolate! Secondly, a huge well done to Mr Mace and some of the DT staff for their work on producing almost 200 visors that we were able to send to Southport Hospital. I know these were put to good use and we have further materials ordered to hopefully be able to provide some more - well done and thanks to everyone involved.

I will continue to keep you updated with new information as and when I get it. I would like to finish by saying that our mental health is of vital importance at all times but even more so at this time. There are a number of really useful materials and resources posted on the school website which should help if anyone is experiencing difficulties: <http://www.range.sefton.sch.uk/school-closure-information/pupil-health-and-well-being/>

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Please let me re-iterate to all of our students, you will not be penalised for doing too little work, your teachers are trying to stay within guidelines as to how much work to set, but sometimes that's difficult when most things are online learning materials. My message throughout is that you do your best, keep your brains active, try and keep your learning organised as ultimately all of this will help when you get back to school, no matter what year you are in. Do not be over anxious if everything is not complete within a suggested timescale but that of course is not an excuse to do very little or no work! Do your best, no-one can ask for more than that particularly under these circumstances.

Wishing you all good health and good wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M McGarry', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves back under the signature.

Mr M McGarry
Headteacher