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Dear Parents and Carers

I want to begin this letter by thanking you for all of the support that you are giving your children and the school during these unprecedented times. Remote learning is extremely challenging for everyone. I am also acutely aware that most of our pupils are teenagers and of course, that in itself, brings its own challenges in terms of keeping them motivated.

Our students are unable to socialise right now and if they do, it is usually via their phone or their games console. They are unable to attend the clubs and activities that many of them would normally do and, in general, for all of us, life just is not what we would want it to be.

I am proud of the fact that we are able to offer live lessons in line with the timetable every day, and I know that the teachers are working very hard to make sure this happens. I am also aware that as parents, we do not always know how much work our children are actually doing, or to how well they are doing it.

From Monday, we are developing an electronic register system for teachers to use in every lesson, so we have a better overview of who is attending each lesson. I have also asked the teachers to make contact with parents, as quickly as possible, if they are concerned about the amount of work or the standard of work that a student is producing. Please be aware that teachers may use Edulink, email or a phone call to do this.

We do appreciate that one of the most important things during the lockdown is communication with school, so please feel free to contact members of staff if you have any queries or concerns – we are here to help.

Home schooling is extremely difficult and we are aware that families are juggling a million different things right now. Please know that we think that you are doing a good job and that we appreciate everyone's efforts.

I hope that it will not be too long before we can all be back in school together and working in the way we know best. Until then, thank you again for all of your support at this time, it is very much appreciated.

God bless

Emma Jackson
Head Teacher

