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Dear Parents / Carers

Once again we find ourselves in the very challenging position of a school closure due to Covid-19. At the end of this first week of term I wanted to thank you for helping to make the transition to online learning so successful. I recognise how difficult it can be for parents / carers to ensure that their children are engaging fully with their remote learning, but I am really pleased to report that with your support we have record numbers of students following their normal timetables and producing some outstanding work. Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your children who have risen to the challenge superbly; I know that you will continue to do everything you can to make sure that your child is completing their online tasks to the very best of their ability.

For any parents that have found it difficult to get their children motivated to complete their school work please do not give up. By getting online and engaging with their work your children will quickly come to terms with what is expected of them and they will soon be making progress in line with their peers. Please get in touch via Groupcall or on 01772 252072 if you are experiencing technical difficulties or if you think we can help in any other way. My colleagues are monitoring the level of individual engagement and will be contacting parents / carers where we believe students are not completing sufficient amounts of work.

I would like to pay tribute to my colleagues who have ensured that as a school we have been able to offer what I consider to be first class provision. Teachers have worked really hard since the first lockdown to develop the skills required to raise the quality of online teaching to a new level. Students are receiving a wide variety of learning opportunities through their firefly tasks and some opportunities for live teaching and I know that students have appreciated this. Colleagues from the Learning Support Department have done a brilliant job ensuring that the group of vulnerable and key worker students in school have continued with their learning, receiving excellent support and the encouragement which they need. Office and administrative staff have made sure that the school has continued to run smoothly in respect of finance, attendance, student and family support and much more. Site staff have ensured that the school is clean and safe for those attending and catering colleagues have continued to provide nutritious free school meals for those eligible.

Should you wish to pass on your thanks to any particular member of staff please do so via Groupcall, telephone, Facebook or Twitter, I know that they would appreciate it.

I hope that this school closure will not be for any longer than February half-term but I know that whatever challenges the next few weeks hold, by working together we can continue to provide the best education for your children. Thank you again for the part you have played in what has so far been a wonderful team effort in the most challenging of circumstances. I offer my best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

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