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Dear parent/carer,

We are now only a couple of weeks away from the end of what has been a very strange 'lockdown term' which I'm sure none of us will ever forget! I know this has been a challenge for us all in various ways and I know that many families have had to deal with a whole range of difficult circumstances whilst trying to maintain a focus on the online learning we have been providing. I thank you for your hard work and support during this period.

In school we have continued increasing the number of pupils attending in line with government guidance. We have approximately 45 keyworker children who have attended throughout as well as the vast majority of our Year 11 pupils who are now in every day receiving subject-specific GCSE teaching. We also now have pupils attending in every year group in the primary school. The latest announcements from government are advising us that we should expect all pupils to be in school from September and so we are planning on that basis and very much hope that will be the case.

We are also devising a catch-up strategy so that all pupils receive any extra support and intervention they require when they return. The 'virtual mentor' phone calls are part of this strategy and we have continued to carefully monitor the work being completed by the pupils as this will give us an idea as to what progress they have made. In addition, next week pupils will all receive **Lockdown Learning Logs** from each of their teachers. These are simple but important documents which will support all the pupils in their preparation for their return in September. Indeed, we feel that these will be particularly useful for pupils who may have struggled to consistently access the online learning for a variety of reasons.

In the Lockdown Learning Log, each teacher has summarised the learning which has been covered during this lockdown term and pupils will then be able to judge themselves how well they feel they have learnt each topic or objective within that subject. There will also be some indicative resources for them to use if they feel they need to revisit any topic before they return although they may of course wish to access their own online resources using Youtube etc. The focus is very much on what they have actually *learnt* rather than what work they have done.

In September we will quickly need to assess how much progress the pupils have been able to make during the lockdown term and then establish a programme of intervention and catch-up classes outside the normal school day to support pupils who might need additional support. The Logs will give pupils a clear understanding of what will be assessed as well as an opportunity to identify any missed work. They will then have until the end of term to contact teachers if they require any support or additional resources to catch up on any learning they feel they may have missed. These Logs are not to be returned to teachers; they are simply to support pupils and families as we prepare to readjust to learning in the 'usual' way in September. That said, teachers may well refer to these in September as they will be incredibly useful for self-assessment. We will also contact pupils directly about the Logs however I feel it's important that you are also aware of how essential these will be in preparing your child for their return and are able to support them in doing so. As always, your role at this time is absolutely vital.

Thank you once again for your support and I hope that you and your family are safe and well in these unusual times.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Williams