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Dear parents

As we come to the end of the first full week for all year groups it feels in many ways as if we have never been away. In some ways it would be easy to think that the way we work and live now is as it always was; I have had to remind myself that this is only the first full week and that everyone in school, both staff and students alike have had to process an incredible amount of change.

We continue to review and adapt our systems and are settling into a routine that helps keep children safe and enables good learning. In many ways Schools are not the same places they were and we have all had to adapt to very different ways of working. We are reviewing what we do to help things run smoothly, support learning and keep children safe.

Your feedback and the feedback of the students has been helpful in this. We won't get everything right at first, but rest assured we will always look for the best answer and your patience and support at this time is appreciated.

You will have heard that a number of local schools have had to put in place a partial closure. In the light of what is happening with the infection rate nationally, it is possible that there may be cases within our school community throughout this term and perhaps into 2021. When this happens I will always take the advice of Public Health England and act accordingly.

In light of this possibility it is vital that we have up to date details for you in school. If you have changed your contact details please notify us on Monday or as soon as possible.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that if your son or daughter displays the following symptoms of Coronavirus, they should not come into school and you need to book a test.

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough (this is defined as a persistent cough for 24 hours or coughing for more than 1 hour)
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

Finally, we have also appreciated the positive messages from parents that we have received this week. It is heartening to know we have your support. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and partnership.

Do enjoy the warm weekend

Emma Taplin  
Principal