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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to you during what are very exceptional and challenging times for everyone. As a school community, we are thankful for the incredible work that all key workers have been doing over the last few weeks and continue to do.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and support in encouraging your son/daughter to engage in online learning. This has been a challenge for staff, pupils and parents to move to this way of working. I also thank the staff for their efforts in providing online learning materials to allow our pupils to continue with their education. The work has been outstanding considering how little time there was to get things up and running.

We do not know how long it will be before the school can physically reopen so we must continue to plan for digital learning to take place and for our pupils to move to the next phase/stage of their learning. We appreciate that every family's circumstance is different and that we need to be flexible and realistic of what we ask of families and pupils. The amount of work should not feel overwhelming.

As learning at home continues, we will continue to develop the nature of the work being provided, in particular for pupils who will be moving to S4, S5 and S6 next session. These pupils have chosen their subjects for the next academic session and ordinarily, we would be preparing for their new timetables to start later in the month. However, we are planning to start providing work for their chosen subjects in the week beginning **Monday 11 May** where **all year groups** will progress to the next stage of their learning. Our teachers are currently working to set up Google classrooms for next stages of learning and over this week and next, pupils will be invited to join Google classrooms appropriate to their subject choices.

We look forward to your continuing support and encouragement at home so that your son/daughter is engaging with home learning, and also submitting work that has been completed to the very best of their ability by the dates set. As a school community, we set aspirational targets for all of our pupils and we need you to help them to achieve these.

If you have any questions regarding home learning or any aspect of your child's education and wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care teacher, via our school office.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alison Boyles

HEAD TEACHER

