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Dear Parents

I write again to you to thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time. I am overwhelmed with the number of pupils who are working so hard from home at this time, and I thank you for your continued support. Many of you have responded with words of gratitude for teachers and support staff and have expressed many thanks to them for the support they are providing your child with their on line learning and pastoral care. We will continue to do our very best for your child as we move forward into the unknown. It would appear that our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils will continue with the current model of home learning for at least the rest of the term. We are consulting with Year 10 parents regarding the possible return of their children later in the term for some form of academic support.

Half term dates are from Monday May 25th through to Friday 29th. During the half term, teachers will not be setting work. The children (and parents!) are ready for a break and are not expected to work during the holiday.

Work will be set from Monday 1st June.

School will remain open during half term for the children of Keyworkers.

Yesterday, we received information from a parent who is a front line worker that she had been sent home from working as a nurse, as she was displaying Covid 19 symptoms. She has been tested. Her child had been attending school. We sent her child home, although she was not displaying symptoms at this time. The child has also been tested. This is not a confirmed case of Covid 19. Therefore, school will remain open for the children of keyworkers. We will inform you if the test result is positive and explain any implications for the opening of school.

Pastoral Check-ins

As part of our ongoing support, every Wednesday from 3rd June we are asking Year 7-10 pupils to check-in with their Form Teacher. Your child's form teacher will set up this facility in Show My Homework.

Could I ask you to keep the family of one of our Year 8 pupils in your prayers and thoughts. His mother sadly passed away from this terrible disease earlier in the week. We will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 31st May. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the strength and courage to continue to be positive during this difficult time. Our Muslim colleagues, pupils and families will be celebrating Eid over the weekend; Eid Mubarak to you all.

I hope you have a great half-term break. Keep safe and well. I believe that there will be further updates from the government over the next week. We will endeavour to keep you informed.

Yours sincerely



Richard Varey
Headteacher