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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you are keeping well and managing under the circumstances. I have had a huge amount of positive feedback about the way that your children have been engaging in their online lessons. Thank you for your support with this. Hopefully, we will be able to return to the classroom soon. We have not yet been given any further information about the return to school, but I will let you know as soon as we hear more.

A few reminders are outlined below.

Online Learning

Please ensure that your children join all of their live lessons, keeping their cameras on where possible. Where students are not engaging appropriately, we will contact home, to help your children get the most out of online learning. If you have received a laptop from us, and you wish to have a copy of the contract sent to you, please contact Ms Grimley.

Teacher Assessed Grades for Years 10,11 and 13

We are still waiting to hear more from the Government about how 'Teacher Assessed Grades' will work. However, we do know that **evidence** will be very important so I would urge you to remind your son/daughter to do the following to ensure that we have the correct evidence that we need:

- continue to work hard,
- attend all remote lessons,
- revise for mock exams,
- be prepared for the possibility of a teacher assessed summer examination (this is something that the Government have announced they may be asking schools to do),
- complete all homework and short assessments to a high standard.

If you haven't done so, you can view my short talk to Year 11 on this topic at <u>https://youtu.be/UDVvizRzWks</u>. It makes it very clear what they need to do over the coming months, to give them the best chance of success in 'Teacher Assessed Grades.'

Policies

From time to time, our school policies are updated. Please check our website to view our policies.

I wish you a pleasant and enjoyable half term. Please do encourage your child to have some relaxation time; this has been an intense half term and it is important for them to have some time away from screens.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs M Pye Headteacher