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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your responses to the parental survey and for all your personal efforts and support with remote learning. The majority of staff at school are also parents and we fully understand the challenges of young people learning from home whilst we are all trying to go about our own work or business as much as possible. In this regard, we are trying to plan proactively for any lesson that is not live - these are all very legitimate occurrences, and we are having to make arrangements to support staff ranging from basic illnesses to bereavements or Coronavirus related issues. Where lessons cannot be live there will be independent work set for students to complete.

In terms of an update following the parental survey, we have already put in steps to try and improve our provision:-

- 1) To support students mental health and well-being and to encourage them to spend time away from a screen when they can, we are organising a well-being event on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February (more details to follow next week).
- 2) To enable teachers to see the students understanding in the lesson and to enable students to get support when they need it, teachers are finding ways to allow lessons to be as interactive as possible and will make themselves available at the end of the live content for students to stay online and get more support.
- 3) To give parents information about their child's progress, Year 7 & 8 Progress reports were emailed today and Year 9 & 10 will be emailed on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Year 11 had theirs just before the Christmas Break. These have a letter with them giving the teacher's email addresses if you want to contact them.
- 4) To ensure that students have sufficient work to complete and to support them with independent study, teachers are providing optional independent study tasks.

As always, we will continue to reflect on your feedback and any further changes will be communicated in due course.

Yours sincerely

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