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Dear Parents/Carers

I am hoping this letter finds you and your families safe and well at this current time. I just wish to update you on a few matters regarding processes over the coming weeks as we adapt to the changes in the way we go about our everyday life.

For the remainder of this week

Teaching staff have been setting work via Classcharts, and I know many of your children are engaging well with this. We have enabled a new feature in the system which facilitates work to be submitted back to the teacher. This will allow teachers to provide each student with feedback on their work and monitor the work that is coming in. This may be new for some students, so please see the attached instructions on how they are to do this. Each task will continue to have a clear submission deadline and we will periodically archive work to stop the build-up of tasks. We are asking that students attempt to send back at least one piece of work this week, so they can familiarise themselves with the system and to ensure we are ready to fully utilise the system after the Easter break.

With regards to those children entitled to Free School Meals, we are still awaiting the details behind how the Government are planning to issue the voucher scheme and as soon as we have that information we will share that with you. In the meantime, can I remind you that if your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they are able to come and pick up a lunch bag from school between 11am and 1pm, where we will be enforcing social distancing measures. I would like to express my gratitude to one parent who come in this morning, having circulated a message on Facebook to collect and deliver lunch packs for other families. If you are really struggling at this time, please call in and we will help where we can.

Year 11 students have been asked to keep going with the work set. We are currently the 21st top school in the South of England for engagement and achievement in GCSEPod which will be a very powerful argument when justifying our predictions for final grades and how students are still working to fill any gaps in knowledge. Again, we are awaiting information regarding how final grades will be awarded, but as soon as we have this information, we will share with you.

Can I also draw your attention to the ['Children's Guide to Coronavirus'](#) by the Children's Commissioner which has some really good information and activities to help children understand. You may find this useful, particularly if you know your child is worried or concerned about the current situation.

We are planning to do some creative activities as a school over the coming weeks, the first of which will involve sending in a video of your child or their families Clapping for Carers, which we plan to merge into a bigger video and post online this Thursday. Details of this will come out via Dr Lansley. Please be aware that if your video is submitted, in this instance you are giving permission for it to be used on our website and/or on social media networks. No names will be used or displayed.

During the Easter break

Although this is traditionally a break from school, we are not working in traditional times. Therefore, we will be setting some subject activity mats which you can use with your children over the Easter holiday, if you wish to keep with some sort of learning routine. There will be no expectation this work is completed, however we felt it may be something parents and carers may find useful. We will also be setting some other creative challenges that we will be asking your children to respond to.

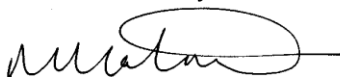
After Easter

Clearly planning too far in advance is ill advised in the current climate, however to reassure you, the staff are working hard to get structured work online via Classcharts for after Easter. It is likely that work will be set as per the student's timetable, with key learning they can do from home. For those of you who have told us that computer access is challenging, we are working on ways to overcome this and will look to provide paper copies of the work.

Throughout all of this, please can I urge you to keep in contact with the school. The reception is still available, with the mailbox being manned remotely and if there are any issues regarding work, please use the mailbox for the year group your child is in. If your child is in year 8 for example, email year8@warblingtonschool.co.uk. Put the teacher's name in the subject line to ensure the email gets directed to the teacher. If they are returning completed work, then children should use Classcharts.

Finally, and without doubt most importantly, maintaining our supportive community is imperative at this time. If you are concerned about anything, please get in contact either through admin@warblingtonschool.co.uk or via keepintouch@warblingtonschool.co.uk and urge your children to do the same. We are trying to maintain our social media presence and will continue to develop this over the coming weeks so anything we can share would be great. Our Twitter account is @warblingtonsch, Instagram is warblington_school and our Facebook page is warblingtonschool. Being in isolation does not have to mean we are on our own.

Yours sincerely



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