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Dear Families,

Welcome to an exceptional summer term: whilst our schools are closed we remain focused on supporting children and families. This letter provides you with a compact and trustworthy summary of the current educational position. **Visit our websites for further details and regular updates.**

Remote Support

Aquinas have put in place an **IT Loans Scheme** whereby families with WiFi but limited hardware can borrow a tablet to improve access to the internet to support remote study. Priority will be given to children eligible for free school meals, families with siblings and those in the upper key stages nearest examination – contact us to express an interest, more details on our website.

We will also be participating in the national scheme for less advantaged students in Year 10.

Families with a child eligible for **free school meals** are receiving supermarket coupons from the **National Voucher Scheme**. Although there are delays, the backlog is being cleared. So far, per child, £20 was issued for the week 30th March, £15 for 6th April, £15 for 13th April, £15 for this week then every week going forward – more details on our website. **Aldi** has now joined the scheme.

We are aware the income of some families may have changed. If you feel your child may be eligible for free school meals apply for **immediate support** at www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals. If delays or circumstance are causing your family severe hardship, please contact us to discuss how we can best support you including supply of Food Bank Vouchers. **Rye Food Bank is currently delivery only.**

Year 6 tests are cancelled. We will send further details of our ‘virtual transitions’ in the near future.

GCSE outcomes will be released on Thursday, 20th August 2020. Teacher assessment alongside other performance data will contribute to a ‘calculated grade’. Please do not place colleagues in a difficult position by trying to discuss the assessment of your child. **We will not enter into any discussion about individual students.** Further details about this year’s assessment process are on our website.

Remote Study

We continue to provide ‘remote study’ for all our young people. Whilst additional national resources have been made available, **we believe the best support comes through your teacher**. Resources are on our websites, hard copies are available – but should be limited to those with no computer access.

Key Worker Childcare

If you are a key worker and have no other option for childcare within current advice, you are able to book with us through office@ryeprimary.co.uk. Your child is welcome but we remain the last resort. You can also contact us if your child has a social worker and you would like help with schooling.

These are undoubtedly challenging times but we are here – just a little further afield.

We remain in your service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Blakelock".

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