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Good afternoon

As we come to the end of this first week of the enforced lockdown, I wanted to just keep you updated on things, as I realise that after the initial messages from me things have calmed down a bit.

First of all, I hope that as many of you are as well as you can be. I know it's not easy being inside for long periods of time and I hope that you are coping as well as you can.

We made the decision earlier this week to send you messages at the end of the day and these are repeated the next morning, so as not to bombard you with communication. I hope that this is working well for you.

I hope the online working is going well and that you are happy with the work that is being set by staff. Staff will continue to update resources as we go on in the next few weeks.

I would like to say that the feedback I am getting from staff about how the young people are getting involved, is very positive. However, there are a few pupils who are not doing the set work and I encourage them to do it, because when we come back to school, there will not be a chance to catch up.

Next week, I will write and update you on what will be happening over the Easter holiday period and the first 2 weeks back after the holidays.

For the parents of pupils who receive free school meals, we will continue to work with you directly to ensure you get the support you need. Presently, we are waiting on the local authority who have told us they are setting up a system that will replace what we are doing but sadly they seem to be a bit slow in this so we will keep in place the provision we currently have until they tell us that their provision is ready to go.

Can I thank all the parents who have given us positive feedback and we would like to hear from anyone who wants to let us know how we are doing. Please be aware we are simply trying to do the best we can for you and your children and that is the driving factor in everything that we do.

Finally, I would like to wish you all the very best and please ask that you stay at home and follow the government's advice. We will beat this virus and life will return to normal, but we still have a long way to go and the best thing that any of us can do is stay safe and stay inside.

All the very best

John Barnes  
Executive Headteacher