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Good afternoon

I hope that you are all as well as can be expected and have had a good week?

I cannot believe that we have now come to the end of our 6th week in lockdown which includes the 2 weeks of the holiday. By this time next week, we will have done 7 weeks and if things are too believed likely to still be in lockdown.

I know that for many this is very hard and you are trying to juggle doing your jobs, being a parent, worrying about and dealing with this virus and home-schooling as well. All I can say is that from my point of view you are doing a fab job and thank you for all you are doing to help support us. I hope that in some way we are helping you too.

Some people have asked us about what is happening re computers for some students and at the moment nothing has come into school about when these will be issued and who to. However as anyone who has had to deal with the support for free school meals will know this is not a surprise!

In school we are still supporting those children of key workers and staff at the high school are responding to the requests from the exam boards in relation to the exam grades for this year. For those parents and students in year 10 and 12 we have not heard anything as to what will happen for your exams.

There is continued chat about reopening of schools and whilst we have not heard anything, we have begun to look at how we might do things when we are asked to open the schools again. Whilst I have nothing to share at the moment what I will say is that this is not going to be an easy task and whatever way it is done there are going to be complications! What we will do is give you any information as quickly as possible and also explain why we are doing things in certain ways but I would ask that you understand that there will be difficulties and issues but we will try and sort them as best as we can and as soon as we can.

If you find you are struggling with anything in relation to your children and need to talk to someone please either drop us an email or phone the schools and we will see how we can help.

To end this week's message, I would like to say a massive thank you to anyone who has done or is doing something for someone else during this time and thus making their life a bit better. Many of you will never want or expect recognition for this but thank you for what you are doing because you need to be thanked. I hope that whoever you help is thinking of you when they clap at 8.00pm every Thursday. As someone who has had to rely on the help of others I certain think of them when I am applauding! However, there is one person I would like to thank publicly this week and that is Julie Allison who is the technology teacher at Seaton Sluice Middle School. You may well have seen the press release about what Julie has done or seen the letter that has been shared today. If you haven't seen it please read it. All I will say is thank you Julie for what you have done and all of us associated with the Federation are very proud of you.

Once again thank you for all you do to help support us. Have a good weekend and a good week next week and take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher