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Dear Parent or Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our school family in ensuring that our pupils are engaged in remote learning. We have been so impressed by many of our pupils' resilience and diligence and know that this is aided greatly from the encouragement received from parents/carers. We understand and appreciate that this is no easy feat!

However, I would like to draw your attention to a measure that school uses to track attendance at remote lessons. This measure is extremely important for school; this close monitoring system allows school to identify pupils whose persistent absenteeism may create barriers to their learning.

Presently, pupils who miss a remote lesson are assigned a behaviour indicator on Synergy. This indicator is seen as "*has not attended remote lessons*". Please do not be alarmed if your child has been assigned this - it is merely a measure for school to track attendance. If a pupil acquires a significant amount of these indicators then school can act quickly to provide those pupils with any academic and socio-emotional support that they might need. **It is being used solely for this purpose.**

Pupils who miss a small number of lessons will not trigger a concern. On the contrary, we understand that there will be occasions when pupils are not able to connect to a lesson for a variety of reasons. However, it is still vital that this record of attendance takes place.

Please do not feel that pupils are unfairly accruing negative feedback. It is not being used as a sanction, it is being used to help. All of these said behaviour indicators, which have been assigned to pupils since September will be deleted once we return to school full-time.

I hope that parents/carers understand the current demands on school to deliver an effective tracking system. Whilst we understand the system is not perfect, it is providing school **with the information that we need to provide an effective recovery plan for those pupils** who could suffer in these trying times.

I hope this assuages any concerns that you may have had and my apologies for any confusion caused. Also, if you are struggling with any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will do our very best to help.

Yours faithfully



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