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Dear Parent / Carer

You will have received a form yesterday to complete, giving us important information about whether or not you are a key worker. Please check your junk folder if you have not received it or contact the school as soon as possible. The form closes at 10:00am today and will allow us to make plans for the provisions for the children of key workers and vulnerable students involved with social services.

Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-9n8XbgVeTxYlp4QFZpkNmtiybDk1vGo2KpDdJD--STtPAA/viewform>

As you will know, the government has decided that no external exams will take place this academic year. Over the coming days they will announce plans for how those due to sit them this year will be able to gain their qualifications. As soon as we have more clarity on this, we will issue guidance to our year 11 pupils and their parents.

It may be that teacher judgements will be used. If so, it is possible we will need to justify these judgements using students' work submitted to us on the DPR, on paper and in books. Teachers will continue to assess students' work and update judgements on their DPR. This will be our primary source of evidencing, should this be required to justify teacher judgements. For students in year 11 therefore, while traditional exams will not be the focus, we are likely to still want to work closely with them in the coming weeks via our remote learning plan and DPR, so that whatever is ultimately assessed for qualifications is representative of each student's ability.

For more information on school closure, see here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The reality of learning for your child has now changed. I urge you to support your child in making this work for them. Monitor their screen time, provide them a quiet place to study and adhere to the government's advice on 'social distancing'. Being at home is the safest place for them.

Be rest assured that our teachers will do their utmost to continue to provide a quality education to your child.

Your comments of support and gratitude have been motivating and affirming for our staff and I want to thank you for your ongoing words of encouragement.

Yours sincerely



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