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Dear parent / carer,

I would like to thank you again this week for your continued support during this lockdown. It has been really positive to receive messages about the work our students are doing at home. Not only are they engaging in their school work, but also undertaking their own home projects. Well done to all of you for your efforts at this time! Please keep sending us pictures of home schooling – we are missing our students and want to see how they are getting on! I have seen lots of rainbow designs and drawings over the last few weeks – please send us your rainbows so that we can share them on social media. Our key worker students are creating a rainbow for everyone at school – I'll update you on that next week!

All students should now be working on Google Classroom where teachers are setting tasks across all subjects. We are delighted with the engagement of our students and really pleased at how much learning is taking place. We have been able to support lots of you this week with questions about how to log in to access work. If you are experiencing any problems at all, please let us know (admin@grahamschool.org) and we will support. All instructions are on our web site: https://grahamschool.org/work-from-home/. We ask that you continue to support your children in accessing learning.

We understand how hard this time might be for some of our students and parents. There are many ways to get help if you or your children are struggling with mental health issues. These two web sites are very useful and could offer valuable support:

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/ https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/

I will continue to write to you each week and will keep you updated on any changes to our current way of working. Please keep in touch with us as well. I hope you are all keeping well and coping with the challenges facing us during this pandemic. Stay positive and above all stay safe!

Best wishes,

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