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Dear parent / carer,

I hope that you are keeping well as we end the eleventh week of lockdown and school closure. I have some updates and information to share with you.

As I am sure you will know, it has been announced that Y10 students will be able to return to school from 15 June. We have been planning for this, and have written to Y10 parents separately with further details. We are looking forward to welcoming small groups of Y10 students back to school alongside our Key Worker and Vulnerable students who continue to attend school every day. We will, of course, continue to observe strict rules on social distancing and ensure everyone's health, safety and well-being.

We have just completed a student well-being survey. It has been incredibly useful to hear how our students feel about lockdown, returning to school and the support they might need. It is now clear to us that students in Y7, Y8 and Y9 will not be returning to school before September, so it remains crucial that they continue with their online learning through Google classrooms. We are currently exploring ways of extending online learning to include more interactive approaches, which we know will be beneficial to all students. In the meantime, if you or your child need any support with learning, please contact school: 01723 366451 / admin@grahamschool.org.

There is a lot of online support at the minute for everything! If your child is interested in a career in the NHS this website is very interesting: http://www.inspiringthefuture.org/NHS/ and includes a great film made during lockdown. I would also remind you about the websites to support mental health at this time: https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mindmatters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/ and of course support for families with home schooling: https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19resources/support-resources-to-share-with-parents/.

Please keep sharing with us examples of projects you and your children are completing; we love to hear about what you are doing. Please also follow our Facebook and Twitter accounts and check our website for updates.

Kind regards,

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