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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of our third week of remote learning, I would like to thank you again for your support. These are difficult times which are made easier by the positivity of so many of our students.

We are pleased with the engagement with our remote learning package. Students and teachers have adapted well to this way of learning and are developing new and successful ways of working every day! We have developed a series of short 'How to' videos to support you and your child in accessing Google Classroom. These can be found on our school website by following this link: <https://grahamschool.org/how-to-videos/> We have developed these based on feedback from students and parents and we hope that everyone will find them useful! We will be publishing more videos in the coming weeks; if there is an area that you would particularly like some support with, please let us know.

We have now been able to distribute laptops to those families and students who could not access school work at home. If you have any laptop problems please contact us – we can help. We can also support you to add additional data to your mobile phone contract if that will help you to access Wi-Fi for school work. If you would benefit from extra data please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/auFSgGbQ3DxmrHwu6>

As well as lessons online we have been informed of a library online which all students can access. Each week a new book is available to read, electronically. The author of the week is currently Jaqueline Wilson. Each week there will be access to videos, books and other information. <https://library.thenational.academy/>

Last week I recorded an assembly for all students which I suggested they could share with you. There is some useful information in it about learning and our school values and vision. Please take a look with your child: <https://grahamschool.org/principal-assembly-130121/>. We will be posting regular assemblies in the coming weeks to help us all stay in touch. Please look out for them on our website.

This remains a very challenging time for us all. We should not underestimate the impact of this pandemic and the current lockdown on us. There is so much that is unknown and the pressure of the situation can be very difficult to deal with. There are many support mechanisms available, starting perhaps with talking to friends and family. Beyond that the following organisations offer good support which we might all find useful at this time:

'The Go-To': <https://www.thegoto.org.uk/>

'Kooth': <https://www.kooth.com/>

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'Compass Buzz': <https://www.compass-uk.org/services/north-yorkshire-compass-buzz/>

'Young Minds': <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

I hope you are able to remain positive. It certainly feels as if there might be some light at the end of the tunnel with the continued roll out of the vaccinations. We will continue to contact you with any updates and please remember to follow our FaceBook (<https://www.facebook.com/GrahamSchoolOfficial>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/grahamschool>) feeds for more information. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours faithfully

Emma Robins
Principal