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Dear parent/carer

At the end of our first week of term, I would like to thank you for your support. Once again, we find ourselves in an unusual situation but the approach and attitude of our community have been outstanding. I am immensely proud of our students, your children, for their efforts in adapting to this situation. Whether working in school or from home, the level of engagement has been very pleasing. Thank you for supporting your children with their learning.

All students should continue to access their learning through Google Classroom. If you have any issues logging in or joining lessons please let us know and we will support you. Inevitably, there are sometimes technological issues for us all which we work hard to address. The full instructions for logging on to Google Classroom are available on our website: <https://grahamschool.org/remote-learning/>. Students should follow their normal timetable. We are providing a mixture of live lessons delivered by teachers alongside completion of other tasks and activities. Your child may also be directed to other websites to complete work which will supplement and consolidate their learning. To date, we have been very impressed with our students who are working very hard every day.

It is crucial that all students access their learning during this lockdown. This will ensure they continue to make progress and are not disadvantaged when they return to school. It also gives them a structure to their day which will support their well-being at this time. When they are in live lessons, it is important that they engage fully and ask any questions that they might have. Please encourage your children to attend all lessons; we will be following up with students who are not engaging.

As I have mentioned previously, if you do not have access to a laptop for your child please let us know. We can support you by providing a laptop. We want every child to be able to learn from home using a computer. This week, we have already distributed laptops to some of you and we will continue to do this. In addition, if you do not have a broadband connection we can support you to get additional data from your mobile phone network. This will enable you to link a laptop to a mobile phone. If your child would benefit from this please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/CaK31J93196bVJfp7>.

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Our provision in school is for the children of critical workers and for our more vulnerable students. We have now completed our full lists for this provision. If you have not registered and need a place because you become a critical worker or for any other reason please contact us at school. The overwhelming majority of students should be learning at home.

We have now set up our Coronavirus Testing Centre at school and when all students return we will be launching our full testing programme. We will be starting this programme for those students attending school during lockdown soon. If your child is attending school we will contact you next week with all the details. This will include a letter from the NHS to explain the process and a consent form for you to complete.

Once again I would like to thank you for your support. I know that many of you have spoken, this week, to staff here at school who have been in touch about a range of things. We will continue to make these calls and offer our support. If you need anything at all please contact us. Inevitably, we will need to be in regular contact; things can change very quickly! Please keep checking your email and keep an eye on our website and our social media accounts.

I hope that you are all keeping well and managing at this very strange time. Please stay safe and look after yourselves, your family and your friends.

Yours Faithfully



Emma Robins
Principal