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Dear Parent or Carer

We are writing to update you on things across our schools.

Over the holiday, our schools remained open to the children of key workers and I am enormously grateful to all of our staff who were able to volunteer to come in. Our young people were well looked after and enjoyed a real variety of activities. Since 23 March, across all our schools we have enabled 855 key worker shifts.

We are sure you will be aware that our staff have been involved in some really extraordinary voluntary work through the trust and have been overwhelmed by the support and kind donations received from our local communities. The campaign to collect and donate toiletries and treats to NHS staff working long shifts has enabled us to deliver consignments to Hull Royal Infirmary, Castle Hill, Bridlington Hospital, Alfred Bean Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary. Furthermore, we have supported Hull Women's Aid and many other voluntary organisations. Many thanks for your support with this. In addition, staff have been incredibly creative in manufacturing several hundred face visors that have been given to staff in hospitals, GP surgeries, care homes and pharmacies across the region. Students have also been producing artwork to support and cheer those in local care homes. We are enormously grateful to everyone who has been involved in these activities that have put our trust at the heart of community efforts to beat the virus.

There has been a lot of quite unhelpful coverage in the media about potential school re-opening. I want to be clear with you that this is no more than speculation and the government has been clear that there is no planned date for any sort of return at this stage, either full or partial. We will keep you fully informed as the situation develops but please be assured that we will continue to put student and staff health and wellbeing at the forefront of what we do, as we continue to support the national effort against Coronavirus.

As you will be aware, we have made some changes to the type of work we are setting for students this term. We have moved to a cycle of setting work in a fortnightly block and work for every year group should continue to appear in dated folders with a clear set of instructions for students and parents. You may be aware that the BBC have launched a new range of daily activities for young people working at home. These may prove useful as additional work or to provide students with some further variety. They can be accessed through <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>.

We are keen to keep in touch with you and our students while they are working at home. Over the coming days, you should receive a phone call from a member of staff at school. They will chat to you about how things are going and then ask to speak to the student to hear about how they are getting on. We are really keen to know what is going well, any challenges they are facing and if there is anything else we can do to support.

We contacted parents and students in Years 11 and 13 about the process for awarding GCSE and A Level grades this summer. We will follow Ofqual's instructions on the awarding of grades and it is very clear from Ofqual that we are prevented from entering into discussion with parents or students about the grade they may be awarded. Any such discussion could be considered malpractice. With



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this in mind, it is very important that you do not contact teachers about any aspect of the awarding of grades before results days. The government has now confirmed that students will receive their results on the originally planned dates – 13 August for A Level and 20 August for GCSE. We will provide more information on this as we receive it.

The next few weeks will continue to be difficult for everyone. We remain a key part of the fight against Coronavirus, delivering learning and the curriculum that is organised very differently for children and young people who are at home, whilst keeping the school open for a small number of other students. We are really grateful for all the efforts of our staff and for the continued wonderful support we have had from parents and carers. We will write to you again each week to keep in touch.

Wishing you and your families all the very best.

Yours faithfully

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