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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope week 2 of Lockdown has not been too stressful for you all. I know that for many of you, the week has ended more positively than perhaps it began, which I would rather it was that way round.

Hopefully, the vast majority of you 'home-schoolers' have managed to log on to either the MS Teams meetings or the daily surgeries. Please let me know if this continues to be a problem for you. I believe we have been broadly successful in helping those of you who have had difficulty in getting online and that has allowed better engagement at home with the home learning packs. I also know from your feedback, how much your children have enjoyed and gained from the regular MS Teams meetings.

I am also hopeful that the vast majority of you will have received at least one communication from your child's class teacher, checking-in on your own well-being. If you have received any 'missed calls' from 'a withheld number', that might very well be one of the teachers trying to make contact. So please do answer those calls and if by chance that it is not one of my staff, then you may well inadvertently benefit from the compensation you are offered for a crash you may or may not have been involved in!

Thank you for all your PRIDE nominations for our Monday, on-line PRIDE assembly, which should go live at some point on that Monday afternoon and be located in the 'SCHOOL LIFE' > 'ASSEMBLIES' section - we will send out a parentmail when it goes 'live'.

You should all know by now that your feedback is very important to us. I have been listening to both your kind comments and supportive, critical ones also. This last week has also enabled us to investigate how other schools are approaching this difficult challenge too. We have been busy discussing our own model response to the lockdown and comparing it with the response of others.

The two key points we were keen to address was whether we could increase the number and regularity of the MS Teams sessions for our home-schoolers and, for those in school, if we could re-organise to provide greater access to their child's class teacher.

You will be pleased to hear that from **MONDAY 25th JANUARY** we will be moving to a model that will see our online offer **double** to having MS Teams meetings EVERY week, Monday to Thursday. Furthermore, we will re-organise in school, back into class bubbles so that all pupils are back with their class teachers.

I will send out more details on this next week. Next week will run as previously planned so those who have had surgeries this week will have MS Teams meetings and vice versa.



For those of you who have not yet let us know on which days your child will be attending, could you please contact the djshomelearning@gmail.com email address so that Mrs Marks and Mr Stapleton can update the registers for the week.

For your information, next week the school office will be manned from 8.30am to 3.30pm each day.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you feel likewise supported and listened to.

This weekend I will be put through the traumatic experience of having a home haircut! Wish me luck!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

A. Clarke

Mr Andy Clarke
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