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COVID-19 Update

Important Information for parents, students and community members

To keep everyone as safe as possible in the current circumstances please adhere to the following practices:

- Do not allow students who are unwell to attend school. If staff become aware that this is the case, parents will be contacted. We understand that symptoms sometimes only become apparent during the day however please do your best to follow this common-sense approach.
- Avoid visits to the school unless in an emergency. Nearly all parent and community member visits to the school can be done via phone / email / social media. Please ring the school on 86473300 before you intend to visit the site. Our reception staff will then be able to help and direct you to a relevant member of the School Leadership team who can almost always address any issues that you may have. For example some issues that you may want further clarification around are financial payments and continued learning from home.
- You will notice a growing amount of online learning that has been uploaded by teachers on the school's Learner Management System (DAYMAP). Our senior students are also becoming familiar with Microsoft Teams. All students are familiar with DAYMAP (using it daily at school) and we are currently focussing on increasing the number of students that can access this system at home. Please contact the school if you wish to learn more about student access or the 'DAYMAP Parent Portal' which will also be very useful in the current circumstances.
- Please be aware that the school is unable to provide laptops to students who choose to work from home. However, both DAYMAP and Microsoft Teams have mobile apps that can be downloaded and installed for use on phones. Also through an Office 365 account they can download the apps for Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc. that they can use to work on a mobile device (including phones).

We thank you for your patience as staff are moving to make online learning opportunities more readily available. This will continue to grow over the coming weeks.

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