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Dear Parent / Carer

Firstly I would like to thank all our families for their incredible support over the last two weeks. This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts us all, and the closure of schools has been necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone and prevent further spread of the virus.

Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes over the last week to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their studies remotely. The academy has put a significant number of resources online using SharePoint and you will have received numerous SMS messages regarding this. So far the site has seen over 100,000 visits from students which is phenomenal and shows our students are really demonstrating the values of determination, integrity and trust. Students are being set activities and have been provided with a schedule to follow based on their year group and key stage. It is vital that all parents support their child and the academy to ensure this work is being completed to a high standard during the course of the academy closure. The resources that are being provided are there to support your child and ensure they continue to make rapid rates of progress.

Throughout the closure, students will now receive an email each week to their academy email address from a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This email will include details of the tasks and key resources they will need to complete the task successfully.

In addition, I want to outline the following contact email addresses that you can use if your child needs additional support in a particular subject area.

Maths – maths_dco@dixonsco.com

English – English_dco@dixonsco.com

Science – science_dco@dixonsco.com

Health and Social Care / Travel and Tourism / Business – vocational_dco@dixonsco.com

Geography – geography_dco@dixonsco.com

History – history_dco@dixonsco.com

RE – re_dco@dixonsco.com

Performing Arts / Music – performingarts_dco@dixonsco.com

Art / DT / Textiles / Food – art_dco@dixonsco.com

MFL (French / Urdu) – mfl_dco@dixonsco.com

If you have any general queries or safeguarding / welfare concerns please email these to the following email addresses:

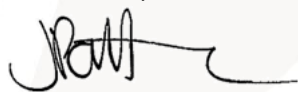
General queries – info@dixonsco.com

Safeguarding / welfare – safeguarding@dixonsco.com

In addition to this, students will also now be sent an email link to give them access to electronic copies of their 100% sheets to support their learning. These sheets include key knowledge of the topics they have been studying. We will also be sending out a link to your child's email address to allow them to access Seneca Learning within the next week. Seneca Learning is a free resource with online courses in the subjects that your child is currently being taught at school. Your child will be able to complete online tests in their subject area and this resource will supplement and go alongside the work which is currently being set by class teachers. Students also have access to Hegarty Maths and other online resources which their teachers have made available.

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via email and on the school website. Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,



Jason Patterson
Principal

