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Dear Parents/carers

It is strange to think that two weeks ago today we came back to school after Christmas little suspecting that it would be for a mere 2 days. It does seem that following the rules is working and hopefully we will be back to 'normal' soon.

In the meantime, thank you to those of you who have already completed our [survey](#) to get your views on what is and isn't working. If you haven't yet done so, we are planning to keep it open until 9am on Thursday.

We know that almost everyone has been joining the tutor sessions, which is great and the feedback has been really positive about that.

We are asking teachers to complete a monitoring spreadsheet so we can see how well students have been engaging with their actual learning. We know that some students have been rushing through work and need to spend a bit more time reading the instructions and making sure they are thinking about it before completing it. There have been some superficial responses lacking detail and this may explain why some children are racing through the work and appear to have less to complete. It is always worth just checking that they have watched the video if there is one and followed all the instructions. We also know from your feedback that some children are probably working for too many hours. The idea of sticking to the school day plus a bit of 'homework' time is to help manage their screen time. If they don't have a live lesson or meet, they can choose to go for a walk during daylight and then do the work at a different time, so there is flexibility but they should not be working for too many hours. The full guidance is on the website as it varies depending on the age of the child. Students in exam years will be working longer hours as their homework time should normally be longer too. They should be working the equivalent of a full working day for adults.

We have sent separate information for parents of students in years 11-13 with the most recent information about exams this summer and the link to the Ofqual consultation.

We had planned to have a parents' evening for Y10 next week but clearly this will need to be postponed again. We are still hoping to hold the Y9 parents evening on Tuesday 9th February assuming we are no longer social distancing by then.

We will be getting in touch with you if we have concerns about the level of remote learning your children have been engaged in. Similarly, please do get in touch if you need more help from us.

Thank you again for all the help you are giving your children – I appreciate the challenge, especially when many of you are also trying to work. Many of the staff here are similarly juggling providing learning and feedback to their students whilst supervising their own children. You are all superstars!

Thank you again for your support. Let's hope that we are able to meet again soon.

Take care and kind regards,

Sue Moore