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Dear Parent/Carer

We were officially due to finish for the Easter break at the end of today and I am sure we were all looking forward to the potential of a bank holiday weekend hopefully in a bit of sunshine.

### **Key worker students**

We are still officially beginning the Easter break for the vast majority of students; however, the College will be remaining open for key worker children over the whole period including the bank holiday Friday and Monday as normal. My thanks go to all of the staff who are manning the College at this time. At the moment, we are expecting that the bus companies will completely cease their normal runs and move to a stop specific service based on who we know is coming into College. That is why it is important, that if your child is accessing the College, you contact us as soon as possible so we can coordinate for their needs. Again, please email [principal@wvc.tmet.org.uk](mailto:principal@wvc.tmet.org.uk) if you have not done so already.

### **Free School Meals**

We have already been supplying those families with students on free school meals with supermarket vouchers over the past two weeks. The government has announced a new scheme to support this, and we will be looking this week on how we can implement this efficiently and with the minimum of fuss for parents. We will be contacting you direct with the options available.

### **Working at home**

My thanks to those parents who have been in touch, either directly or indirectly, to suggest refinements to how we are supporting homeworking. We are looking this week at finalising a slightly tweaked system after Easter to address many of the concerns raised. We will send you a briefing for the new arrangements in the final week of the holidays for everyone.

We would, under normal circumstances, be expecting students to do work during any holiday period. However, these are obviously not normal circumstances. Therefore, the expectation of work is to just finish off any bits and pieces that are outstanding from the last two weeks. This should take no more than an hour a day. Please also note that staff are also on holiday and may not be as available as they would normally be. My focus for all students and families is to take this time to recharge and regroup over the next two weeks.

### **Help in these times**

The pressure on all support services is immense and we know that this situation is causing anxiety in many households. If you do need support of any type or guidance and signposting to support services please let us know. All conversations will be treated sympathetically and we will do all we can to help. Contact details for staff are on the website, or please email us direct.

Please let us help.

Finally, once again please keep safe, support each other and we, as a community will get through this.

Kindest regards



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