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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now at the end of week one, in what seems like the strangest ever episode of Big Brother!

I hope that you and your families are well. These are by definition extremely difficult times and I would urge any family who is finding the current situation challenging, or would like some help and guidance, to please contact the College and we will do our very best to support you.

From a personal point of view, being locked down with my own children is testing me in ways that I never imagined; my Year 9 chemistry is coming on a treat! But, in all seriousness, we have had contact from a few families who feel that they are being overwhelmed by the work being set. Therefore, to that end I have asked my team to look at how we can manage this better for students and parents. We will come up with a more streamlined system for implementation after the Easter break.

I do however, need to highlight that to our knowledge some students have not done any work at all over the week. I was clear with all students that these are not normal times, but schoolwork does keep some level of normality. We do require all students to be doing work, and I would ask all parents to please keep a track on what they are doing and for how long.

Key worker students

It is our intention to continue to open the College over Easter for the students of key worker families. We have had a good attendance over the week so far, and have managed to mix work with a lot of fun for these folks. However, in order to confirm transport arrangements we need to have some idea of who will be in College and how they will be attending. If you would like to send your child to College during the Easter break, could you please email principal@wvc.tmet.org.uk with the days and transport required, including pickup stop location.

Healthy selfie

Mr Pettifor and the team are doing a great job on the exercise point of view. I have set him the target to beat Joe Wicks in terms of popularity. He has not quite yet volunteered for an early morning YouTube session, but who knows!

However, the message is a clear one. Work is important, but fresh air and exercise are also as important, taking time to do physical activity, read a book and contact friends is something we should all do, and should definitely be encouraged!

Finally, and I may regret this. I am going to attempt to do a whole College online live quiz for the whole family on Wednesday 1 April at 2pm. I have an idea on how this will work and will send out

details on Monday. It is purely for fun, and I would encourage the whole family to get involved. So watch this space!

We officially finish for Easter on Wednesday, but we are by no means closed. We are still here to help and support, so please use us.

Please keep safe, and where possible, please follow all of the advice given by government. Together as a community we will get through this.

Kindest regards



Daniel Baxby
Principal