



21st April 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the chance to say what a great job you're doing supporting your child's learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at times. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. We miss having the students in school, but we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe.

The school remains open only for vulnerable students and the children of key workers (the latest list of key workers can be found [here](#)). We continue to ask our key worker parents to provide us with as much notice as possible if supervision is required. For everyone else, remote learning will continue until further notice. Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for students to get stuck into over the summer term. Thank you for your patience and understanding with our remote learning. We're all getting used to this new way of working. I'm sure you'll appreciate that it is challenging to get the balance right between too much and too little work! Do remind your daughter/son to take breaks away from screens, and make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know. If your child has any issues at all, they should contact their Head of House, mentor or class teachers so we can help. You can also contact me or members of the senior team directly through the school website.

While we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep students learning and the school connected. We're making sure that the [school website](#) is fully up-to-date and you can find a huge amount of information there – everything from advice about remote learning to ICT support to important safeguarding contact details.

Take care.

Kind regards,



Martin Jones
Head of School