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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Continued Support During Lockdown

It has been fantastic to see the high levels of engagement, in online lessons, throughout the first few weeks of this lockdown. Thank you for supporting this and ensuring that your child has been attending and contributing to lessons; this has made the transition to live lessons far easier for staff.

As lockdown continues, I felt it was important to outline how we can continue to support both you and your child. Whilst school remains closed to the majority of our pupils, we are determined to provide amazing, ongoing pastoral care, allowing students to grow and learn and to feel fully prepared for their eventual return to school.

Our school website is an important and useful resource, highlighting how you can access further support, included within the “Student Wellbeing” pages.

<https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=wellbeing>

This section is broken down into several pages.

Safeguarding: <https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=safeguarding>

This webpage includes the DSL email address, used to notify us of any safeguarding concerns you may have about your own, or any other child, see below: -

dsl@medenschool.co.uk

It also includes the Nottinghamshire Country Council Emergency Duty Team phone number, which you can call at any time during the day/night.

Emergency Duty team - **0300 456 4546**

Below this is a range of useful internet links to organisations that offer support and advice to young people and families to ensure that they are kept safe.

E-Safety: <https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=esafety>

As your child is spending even more time online, we have devoted a page of our website to staying safe on-line. Heads of Year and Tutors will also be speaking to students about this in live assemblies and tutor “check-in” sessions.

Our website has links to useful organisations dedicated to staying safe online, includes links on how to create parental locks for the major internet providers. This will enable you to control and limit your child’s internet use and ensure that they are kept safe online.

Pupil Health and Welfare: <https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=pupil>

As part of our support for students, we recognise that they may need to contact us. Included on our “Pupil Health and Welfare” page is a contact form, which can be completed should you need to share with us any concerns or worries that you or your child may be experiencing. Students can complete this independently and we will contact them to discuss any concerns.

Mental Health: <https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=mindful>

During lockdown it is essential that students maintain a healthy lifestyle. This includes being aware of their own mental and physical wellbeing. Our Mental Health and Well-being page offers a range of links to organisations that offer support for mental health issues.

Finally, if you cannot find what you need on our website, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our school reception is offering a limited contact service and can direct any concerns you have, alternatively you can email your child’s tutor or their Head of Year from the list below.

Fiona Garlick (Yr.7) fgarlick@medenschool.co.uk

Matt Hamer (Yr.8) mhamer@medenschool.co.uk

Charlotte Wild (Yr.9) cwild@medenschool.co.uk

Kim Hickinbotham (Yr.10) khickinbotham@medenschool.co.uk

Tracy Taplin (Yr.11) ttaplin@medenschool.co.uk

Emma Corns (Pastoral Lead Meden College) ecorns@medenschool.co.uk

I trust you will find this information useful during these difficult times. We aim to support our wider school community, helping your child to feel fully prepared to return to school eventually, and to re-engage with their classroom lessons in a positive manner.

Yours faithfully,



David Penman
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