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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming our New Year 11s for their 'face to face' provision this week. I am delighted to report that 85% of students have taken up the offer. Staff and students have reported a successful and productive week with measures for maintaining safety whilst in school working well. I would like to thank the parents who took the time to give us feedback on how their children had got on. It was most appreciated.

We are acutely aware however, that our students in other years really need to see their teachers as well and we are hoping that the situation will ease and we will be able to welcome more children back through the gates after the summer holidays. We have various plans, but as always await government announcements.

Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Many of our families are going through difficulties due to the huge pressure caused by school closure and the impact of the pandemic on their lives. This week we have received Children and Young People Mental Health and Well-being Resource Packs from the County Council. These packs were designed to be targeted directly to CYP in Leicester and Leicestershire and identify sources of support, helplines and services available for CYP mental health and wellbeing during times of difficulty both in term time and out of term time. These resources are under Health and Well-being on our website or alternatively, follow the link below.

<http://www.wbvs.co.uk/page/?title=Health+and+Wellbeing&pid=78>

Teaching and Learning

Now that all year groups are using Google Classroom, we aim to iron out any problems. Videos for students giving user guides are available on the 'latest news' page of the website or by clicking the link here:

<http://www.wbvs.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=82>

When students are given feedback by their teachers in Google Classroom, they are often asked to revisit or further develop a section of their work. They should then resubmit the work with the changes made so that the teachers can confirm the learning is secure. Please encourage this from home, if you can.

Do contact us if you are having problems. Remember we are here to help. Leave a message or email the office and Mr Hayes or Mr Hynes will follow up with a call usually the same day. They give excellent, calm, support over the phone. We will be following up in the coming weeks with emails and calls to parents/carers of any students who do not seem to be logging in. If you are already receiving paper based work packs, we have a note of your needs and will continue to support you in the same way.

Year 6 moving up to Year 7

For parents of Year 6 children, we will be running a 'Virtual Induction Evening'. In order to prepare fully, I am asking parents (and their children) to send in questions that they might have asked on that evening to office@wbvs.co.uk with 'Induction evening' in the subject line. It will be something new for us and perhaps will spur us on to more 'virtual' events.

Year 11 Leavers

We are delighted to hear that the post -16 providers have made contact with our students and given them bridging tasks, reading lists and offered webinars. If any student has not yet heard from their chosen college or sixth form provider, can they please get in touch with us so that we can help facilitate the transition.

Most of the hoodies have now been delivered, with another batch going out today.

I must end with a thank you to all our parents and carers who have been managing so brilliantly, some juggling work and home schooling, some of you managing several children and the demands of wider family. You are doing a great job!

Here's hoping things are getting better and the moment we can welcome everyone back is getting closer.

Yours sincerely,

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