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Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation with us during this time.

As Mr McGinnes has eluded to, we received information about what was happening with schools alongside everyone else whilst watching BBC News. This left us with very little time to implement what was needed for students to be able to access work from home and for us to ensure the continuity of education for your child.

I am very proud of the staff's response to the quickly-changing landscape we are facing. Our systems that are already in place through the Google suite of applications has meant that we are not having to train people remotely on how to access work and this has been of huge benefit. However, I am also aware, through feedback shared with us from parents, that the amount of work, the quality of work and the setting of deadlines has been an issue for some.

Please bear with us. The feedback we have received has been invaluable and I will be meeting with our Curriculum Leaders virtually to discuss a more stream-lined approach to students' work. For example, for students in KS3, they can expect more project-based learning with longer deadlines alongside more realistic tasks in Maths and English.

I would also like to remind you of some of the things that you can do at home. Things like reading a book, baking a cake or cooking a meal, learning to sew among other things can ensure that students are not sitting in front of a screen all day - something we are actively trying to reduce.

Finally, where student workload is concerned, we welcome your input in ensuring your child is not overburdened or stressed. Please feel empowered to monitor and amend what is asked of your child accordingly.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most importantly, please take care of yourselves and each other.

Yours faithfully

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

