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Dear Parent / Guardian

We have been hugely impressed by the engagement and motivation we have seen from students working at home today. We have issued many “outstanding work” class charts points today.

We experienced a slowdown in our broadband connection today which our ICT technicians managed to resolve promptly. I would like to express my public thanks to them, we have two technicians who normally support 50 classrooms. They are now supporting effectively in excess of 700 classrooms. Thank you for the support from parents who contacted today in their understanding of the difficulties we are all currently encountering.

It is a priority to issue the chromebooks to students who are currently missing them due to repair issues. We will attempt to do this in the days coming. We will invite parents to collect them once they have been readied for use.

We are operating in many areas at reduced capacity in order to stay open during this pandemic. We are only manning reception with one member of staff at a time to reduce the risk they both become ill, especially as they are also our first aiders. This staff reduction in order to increase our capacity to operate long term is repeated in other roles around the school.

Mr Reid (Deputy Headteacher), will be writing to you later in the week with some general advice around supporting you in delivering home learning.

I would like to focus on safeguarding. Mrs Coles, our Designated Safeguarding Lead has produced a newsletter linked [here](#). This two page newsletter has been designed to give you current safeguarding information and helpful tips and strategies to support you while your children are at home. Regular updates will follow over the coming weeks. Mrs Coles will in the coming days deliver a live webinar on safeguarding.

Students when in school are given regular e-safety messages, we would please ask that you read this newsletter carefully as it is more important than ever with the students home learning and spending more time on phones and other devices than normal, that we are all aware of the risks to them.

We have a link on our website in the “safeguarding” area which students or parents can use to make us aware of safeguarding concerns or get support and advice in school hours.

Yours faithfully



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