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Dear Parent / Guardian

The Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, this week said "We don't expect to make any changes to the measures currently in place at this point and we won't until we're confident, as confident as we realistically can be, that any such changes can be safely made,"

It is clear that we recognise the significant impact this ongoing crisis will have on all of us, the continuing isolation, possible illness, and tragedy in the time ahead cannot be ignored.

Italian novelist Francesca Melandri, who has been under lockdown in Rome, has written a poignant letter to fellow Europeans "[from your future](#)", laying out the range of emotions people may go through over the coming weeks.

In the days ahead, students and staff may become ill and or be caring for others who are sick. We hope for the best, but some of our community may lose those we love.

In normal times we support students in tragedy with our professional pastoral care and if your child needs this provision then please do talk to us.

The Somerset Educational Psychology Service has set up a telephone Helpline for Parents and Carers. If you are a parent/carer and would like to speak to a Psychologist with any concerns arising for you, or your family during this time, The Educational Psychology Service is there for you. They are able to offer an initial 30 minute telephone consultation (discussion) and a potential follow up call, of another 30 minutes if appropriate. Please use this [link](#) to find out more.

Pastoral care is at the heart of the way we work at Westfield Academy and it is needed now, more than ever.

Please do continue to communicate with us, You can still use the office email address for urgent queries, office@westfieldacademy.co.uk.

We have [Safeguarding support](#) available throughout the holiday and our dedicated pastoral team will continue to make contact with those children who need it most.

We have hugely appreciated all the support you have given to us in return.

Yours faithfully

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