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Dear Parent / Guardian

We are proud that by working together our community is continuing to educate through the most difficult times our nation has experienced in generations. The feedback from staff, students and parents has been very positive.

Please do not be concerned that students will be sanctioned for not completing all the work set. I know that staff are working hard to set interesting tasks for our students to complete at home. It is likely that some of our staff will unfortunately become ill and the amount of work or frequency may change over the course of the next few months. We are using class charts as a simple way to encourage students but also to give gentle reminders to students about what is required

We are aware that some children do not have working chromebooks and we are working on a scheme to replace these. Google classroom can be accessed from any device, including phones. It is even possible to use PS4 and Xbox 1 consoles, to do this use this [link](#).

Mrs Karchud, Head of Performing Arts and Personal Development has produced this [resource](#) for students to help them think about their wellbeing

While the internet and social media can present many dangers for young people, it also has the potential to open up the classroom and support students and families while schools are closed. There are lots of easy ways you can work with your children at home.

Physical Exercise is good for our fitness and mental health. Every day at 9.00 Joe Wicks - The Body Coach, is leading a 30 minutes PE session for students. This is a great opportunity to exercise together as a family. The [videos](#) can be accessed at any time and his website has a huge library of short workouts for all levels and ages.

[BBC bitesize](#) has always been an excellent site for students, full of handy revision resources and a wide range of activities that students can do. The government is working with the BBC to update this service and provide additional content.

As a school we subscribe to [GCSEPod](#). This online resource is an excellent way for GCSE students to revise key content and even learn new topics. All students have access to this via their school google account

While Westfield is closed I will send regular updates to families on resources and ways to work at home.

Yours faithfully



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