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Dear Parents / Guardians

For clarification regarding the bank holiday and celebration of VE day this week, teachers will not be setting lessons, they have collected together a set of VE day themed [resources](#) you may find useful. We will still be open on Friday for the children of key workers.

We continue to be impressed by the students in our joint effort in remote learning. Working in this way is new to all of us and inevitably we have encountered some teething problems. An issue of concern for some families is our use of class charts as a tool to inform you if we are not able to observe students consistently engaging with the work set. It has the capacity to cause upset and stress when received in a situation where the child is doing their best in a time of difficulty.

I outlined in previous letters that these are not behaviour points and will be deleted on the return to normal schooling. This is only for the use of parents to give you information. We completely understand that students will be in different circumstances and may not be in a position to undertake the work set. This is an emotionally and physically challenging time for all of us. If your child is working as well as they can, given your family situation and you have received 'insufficient work' as feedback, please ignore it.

However, some students are informing their parents that they are completing work when this is inaccurate, we feel it is important that parents are aware if this is occurring. On balance at the moment, we have decided to retain the use of this function in classcharts, but we are renaming it "work not visible" in recognition that there may be a range of reasons for this. We will keep this under review given that remote learning may continue for a significantly longer period of time.

There is significant discussion in the media of schools reopening, we currently have received no specific guidance. It is possible we will soon hear more in a televised briefing by the government, at the same time as you. We are carrying out extensive planning and preparing resources for a range of opening scenarios. It may still take a few days after an announcement before I can share specific details about Westfield Academy reopening, please bear with us in these circumstances.

We will have the welfare and safety of our community as our first priority.

Yours faithfully



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