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Dear families,

As the nationwide lockdown continues, we wanted to write to parents and carers to update on how we are supporting families whose children are not currently attending school. We are continuing to provide work for pupils and students to complete at home. The work is aligned to the school curriculum as far as is possible. As we said to you in an earlier letter, there is no expectation on our part that all work sent home has to be completed, the mental health and wellbeing of all family members is our priority.

Alongside this, we have recently introduced a weekly St Dominic's electronic magazine. This is emailed out weekly, and copies of it can be downloaded from our website. The magazine is a less formal, more fun, offering with a number of ideas and activities that pupils, parents and siblings can potentially be doing at home. We have included photos of some of the fun things that some pupils/students have been doing whilst self-isolating in the magazine. Please do email us your photos and stories as we are keen to share this type of news within our community.

Some families have asked if we will be doing video-conferencing lessons with pupils/students. We do not have plans to do this at the moment, due to both safeguarding and confidentiality reasons. We are, however, in the process of producing some video-recorded activities which will be available for families to view in the next week or so. These videos will give pupils/students an opportunity to see staff and the school itself, and to have the reassurance that we are continuing to do our best to support them during this very difficult period.

Finally, we want to thank you all for your continued support during this. We are aiming to offer as personalised a level of support as we can manage because we are very aware that the needs of each family will be totally unique. Please do email your child's class teacher / form tutor or myself if you have any comments or feedback.

Yours sincerely



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