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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin our first week of school closure due to the Coronavirus pandemic, here is an update of the current situation here at school.

We all heard the stark message from the Prime Minister last night and I think it's clear to everyone now how we all need to do all we can to support our public services, especially front line NHS services, who are working so very hard to gear up for the hugely challenging next few weeks.

At Wapping High, we continue to communicate with learners through Google Classroom and by any other digital and distance learning means that we feel might help. Incidentally, staff have been asked to give you access to the individual Google Classrooms your child will be using. This is particularly important as we do all we can together to ensure that all our students make the best progress possible and to keep our approach working.

Along with this letter, you will also receive an additional letter composed by leaders and staff focusing on home learning approaches and curriculum resources that you will hopefully find useful.

In my previous letters, I spoke of how committed we were to providing supervisory support for the children of key workers and those children classified as vulnerable during the closure. We have maintained a skeleton staff so far this week with Senior Team members present to supervise children from these target groups and our caterers, Holroyd Howe, have been ready to distribute a cold, packed lunch for Free School Meals students should they want to take them. There have been no students attending so far.

As I've said previously, I will do my utmost to continue to offer this support to key worker and support accessing families as long as we realistically can but to help us manage school staff safety and our general resources properly, please contact myself or my PA, Ms Morgan and Mr Overill, SENDCO should you need support here.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at the school who have been so enthusiastically loading resources and materials onto Google Classroom or creating booklets or steering and monitoring students' activity on Century Tech. It's been truly amazing how everyone has been so fully and exceptionally committed to carry on as best we can in this crisis.

I will write to you again soon with any further updates I have for you.

Best wishes and take care.



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