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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this communication finds you and your families healthy and in good spirits.

This last week would ordinarily have been an Easter break shared by all of our Dean Trust schools. In previous years, we would be congratulating our pupils for attending exam-preparation sessions provided by our dedicated staff. Despite the unprecedented changes to our economic, educational and social landscape we have nevertheless been able to maintain high-quality on-site and distance learning provision.

Our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection policies are now available on our school websites. We encourage you to read these documents so that you are aware of how we continue to work with families and external agencies to safeguard our pupils during this period of school closure.

We would like to recognise the fantastic effort of four of our Technology teachers who, having researched and improved international designs, have worked tirelessly and selflessly to produce high quality face shields for frontline workers in the health industry. Truly inspiring.

We have received further guidance from the DfE and Ofqual as to how schools will make fair and accurate exam projections this summer. As we reported in my last correspondence, schools are not permitted to share any specific information about these grades with pupils or their parents/carers but the Trust will ensure that these projections are quality-assured and reflect what pupils deserve.

Finally, whilst we understand the challenge of trying to replicate a normal school day, we ask that you continue to encourage your children to have a structure to their day. We ask that our pupils wake up at a reasonable hour, change from nightwear into 'work clothes', eat breakfast and have some planned educational activities which take advantage of the range of resources that have been provided by their teachers. Pupils should also be encouraged to communicate regularly with those they live with and use technology safely to maintain contact with family and friends beyond their homes.

Wishing you a restful, healthy and happy Easter weekend.

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