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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope this email finds you and your families well.

Following discussions with parents and colleagues at school, I am conscious that some parents are receiving a number of calls and emails about work from their children. I fully appreciate that at such stressful times, when many of you are juggling so many different priorities, this can be frustrating and stressful.

I have therefore asked that the only contact made with parents of KS3 pupils (Years 7-9) is through the fortnightly tutor call. If teachers are concerned about lack of work for a child, they will communicate this via the tutor who will then discuss it in the phone call / email catch up. I have previously sent out the email addresses for the subject leaders. Please do email them direct if you are concerned about any work for your child. I do hope that this helps parents feel less under pressure at this difficult time.

You will have seen last week that I sent a communication with regards uniform. To clarify for all parents, the new Year 7 will be in the new school uniform with effect from September 2020. Year 10 (the current Year 9) will be expected to have the white shirt, green tie and new school jumper. All other year groups will be in the old uniform until Sept 2021. In order to ensure some consistency and to not prejudice any families who cannot afford the new uniform in these difficult times, I would ask that families of other year groups do not wear the new uniform until the following September. I know that some parents have written to me to express their disappointment in this. It is a complex situation and I hope that the compromise we have reached will ensure that no one is prejudiced.

I will write tomorrow with more details around the recent Government announcement of a potential phased return to school.

Please do take care.

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