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Dear Pupils and Parents/Carers (Existing S1, S2 and S3 pupils)

I hope this update finds both you and your family well and staying safe, although I am also aware of a few families who I am very sad to say have lost loved ones. This is when a reality hits in and we all have to be there for each other.

I must start this update by stating how much I am missing the normality of school, and in particular talking to you, and fellow pupils, even if I am having a wee moan. Life is so different at the moment, and I think we are all finding it difficult to deal with. Out of everything, to me it is your health and wellbeing that comes first, as without that hopefully positive outlook then things can seem just so much harder. If you are finding things a little difficult, then please make the effort to speak to one of the Pupil Support Staff – Mrs Carmichael, Mr Clark, Mr Findlay, Miss Holmes, Mrs Costello, Miss Brown, Miss Dhesi, Mr Anderson, Miss lafrate – or one of the Year Heads – Mrs Brown, Ms Sharp, Mr Christie or myself. All our email addresses are on the school website under ‘Brief Updates’.

In talking to staff it is clear to me that so many of you have been getting through the work set by teachers. I have just uploaded our May Newsletter to the school website, and there are many examples of some of the excellent work that you have been doing. Well done.

I would like to emphasise that pupils should work at their pace, if they miss what they see as a deadline then that is okay, just email and say that. The main thing is that pupils continue with routines as much as possible, work at their pace, make returns when they have managed the tasks, and keep positive in their learning.

S4 pupils, who are moving into S4, should be ensuring that all work set for the courses they have chosen it getting completed. It is essential that you get started on your National Course Work as otherwise you may jeopardise what level of National Course, National 4 or National 5, that we enter you for in this coming session.

We have created a tracking spreadsheet covering all pupils, covering all subjects, and are asking teachers to update us in regard to pupils doing the work and engaging with the learning. **Should a pupil not be engaging we will either contact them and/or parent/carer, or possibly visit the house, albeit with clear social distancing, in order to establish how we can help more. I visited 2 houses/pupils last week, and will be visiting many more over the coming weeks.**

Resources - jotters, paper...etc – are available from the Church on request. Please look for all the details under ‘Brief Updates’ on the school website. Finally, please try your very best to do all your subject work, and take care.

Mr Colin Johnson

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