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Dear Parents/Carers

Fullbrook Virtual Schooling

I hope you and your families are all well and staying safe

We have had some great feedback from parents and students about the work students are receiving and, from the monitoring taking place, it is clear that students are engaging well with the work being set. Students, parents and staff are finding their way in this new landscape and showing a growth mind-set in what is a very new situation for us all.

It has been brought to my attention that some students are struggling with the volume of work being set. While we would like your son/daughter to try to complete as much of the work their teachers set them as possible, it is important that there is balance.

Students should have 5 pieces of work to do per day set on SMHW. They should be labelled with the day and period number so students can select the correct pieces for that day e.g. D1 P4. Students should use their timetable to check which subjects they should do on that day.

To maintain balance, students should work on each lesson set for an hour. If they have not completed all the work set in the hour they can let the teacher know where they got to. Parents can also make a note. This feedback will help teachers have a clearer understanding of how much work students can manage in the time they have.

As we continue through this period of lockdown, students may find there are times where work is completed more quickly and so the spare time can be used to go back to complete work previously unfinished.

With regards to needing to use the computer, we understand that this is not always possible and we are also developing and adapting work so that more can be done without the use of a computer. If other family members need the machine then if students have a smartphone, they can use that to access SMHW and then complete the work on paper. It is important we try to ensure that students keep to as normal a routine as possible.

I do appreciate that these are very difficult times. Thank you all for your ongoing support of your sons'/daughters' learning and of the approach Fullbrook are taking. Please do continue to exercise common sense to help your sons/daughters to manage their workload appropriately.

In the coming weeks, all Fullbrook staff will be working together to establish systems to reintegrate students back into school once the period of school closure comes to an end. As part of this we will not only be re-establishing good routines, but also working to identify gaps in learning and putting in place different strategies to try to ensure everyone has the required knowledge and understanding to progress to the next stage in their education.

I hope over time, as new routines at home are established and staff develop their skills in managing online learning, you will see work changing to better meet student needs, and new approaches to learning becoming second nature to your sons/daughters as they better adjust to the Fullbrook Virtual School.

Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work and effort. The whole Fullbrook community really is showing that we can be “better than we ever thought we could be!”.

I wish you good health and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Moore
Principal