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THANK YOU for your incredible support during the school's closure. We are truly thankful for the ways you are supporting your children to do their school work, for the communications from you that are allowing us to address concerns and queries as they emerge and for you helping us to nurture really strong communication between us each day.

We are equally thankful for the support from keyworker parents and pupils in enabling us to provide the provision within school, where this has been necessary, as effectively as we have this week. Finally, I am incredibly grateful to every member of staff who has been in school, delivering this provision, too. It's been and is a phenomenal team effort, like no other.

GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE AND INFORMATION:

The most recent Government directive about what is expected of us since Monday evening is at the link below, as we all work together to slow the spread of the virus in ours and every community:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We know we can depend on all of you to have your young people with you, close, safe and responsible each day and evening – we know this is easier to say than to do, but we know that by us all observing this directive, we are protecting ourselves, others and our Health Service.

We wanted just to pass to you the following notification we have seen at www.gov.uk

Be aware of scam emails

We have been informed that some parents have received an email stating the following: 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'.

We can confirm that this is a scam email and is not official. We urge parents that if you receive any emails like this, please do not respond, and delete it immediately.

If you have any concerns about this, or about any other communication that you receive during these times, please do let us know at info@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and we can help.

To clarify for you, official information for parents and carers from the Government can be found at the link below and nowhere else:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

YEAR 11:

To keep you posted regarding qualification grading plans from Ofqual and the exam boards, I have been advised that there is likely to be some information released to us by the end of NEXT week. I will let you know should that be the case or, of course, if it turns out not to be!

I am also liaising with College Principals/Deputies about getting together reading lists for the students to begin to engage with after the Easter break weeks, so they can start to look forward to what they will be doing next year, alongside concluding their work for their GCSEs with their teachers here at Noadswood – more to follow. If you have any specific questions pertaining to Year 11, don't hesitate to send them to info@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and we will give you all the information we have and provide reassurance.

ONLINE LEARNING:

We have been incredibly impressed with your children's engagement with the online learning available to them on the Frog Portal. But it's really important for them not to allow anxiety about this to add to the stresses of the challenging times we are living through – if you're worried about this, do get in touch with us or with your child's tutor/teacher using ePraise. We will be able to provide reassurance.

If you hit a time when we have lots of us online together, and the system drops briefly, don't worry – it will be back! Just like every platform – from global organisations such as Microsoft to supermarkets to our own Frog portal – things are creaking sometimes, but there is no pressure on your child to complete work at a particular time. We want them to know they do not need to worry.

If your child is reluctant to engage, or is tricky with you about getting underway with work, please let someone know. Tutors, House Leaders, ELSAs, LSAs, Leadership Team members, in fact, most of us, are checking in with lots of young people regularly and we're happy to add your child to the list so you are not dealing with anything school related by yourselves.

With all best wishes, and in this together,

Kathryn Marshall

Headteacher