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Dear Parents Carers and Students,

Welcome back on this glorious, sunny day. I trust that you are fit and well and have all been able to find some time to relax over the last few weeks. I also trust that you are ready to resume with the challenges and rewards of online learning for the foreseeable future.

We are really proud of the efforts and support everyone showed before Easter and I have every confidence that our online learning will only get better and more engaging. As a reminder, this can be accessed through SMHW and information and guidance can be found here: https://bridgewaterhigh.org/coronavirus/.

Listening to parents, students and colleagues I think the key message is to stick to a routine that works for you. We all need structure in our lives and the more we can maintain this habit the better, especially in preparation for when we get back to normal which we will eventually do. Wherever possible I recommend following the normal school day and the normal timetable so that gaps do not develop in anyone's learning. But I do appreciate that family circumstances may well mean that you have to adopt slightly different strategies.

I am also aware, however, that over the last few weeks many of us will have experienced the bereavement of friends and family members. Sadly, it's unlikely that any of us will emerge untouched by grief over this period and we will do all we can here to provide support. If you wish to raise anything in this regard or indeed any welfare concerns, please email us at welfare@bridgewaterhigh.com.

As before, we will keep in regular contact with you at a whole school, year, class or individual level. But we will also try to make sure you don't experience communication overload. There will be separate communications at times and when appropriate I will reference these through my letters. For example, a letter was sent out last week to all parents and carers about the GCSE process and this is now uploaded on the school website at: https://bridgewaterhigh.org/news/important-letters-for-y11/

So to conclude, welcome back and we look forward to working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. Working together we will get through this. Stay safe and look after your loved ones.

Regards,

Tim Long, Principal

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