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Dear parents and carers

Thank you for managing through the second week of lockdown with your children remote learning. We know it can be a difficult time and we appreciate your support.

### Remote Learning

We have provided close to 300 laptops now for children to support with remote learning and a number of dongles too. Dongles are devices which you attach directly to the laptop which gives your child access online. If you need help with data, then please do contact the school as we have some free dongles available, and are applying for more from the government.

We know how important it is for children not to miss out on learning, so we have been monitoring who is engaging and who isn't yet. The children have been very good overall – with daily attendance to remote learning as follows:

Year 7 – 96.5%

Year 8 – 96.7%

Year 9 – 95.5%

Year 10 – 95%

Year 11 – 95.5%

Well done to Year 8 who are our best attenders! We are still working with the last 6 students in this year group to get them engaged on their laptops. Who will be the first to 100%?

### Live Registration Every Lesson

From Monday onwards, every lesson through the day, as well as morning tutor, has a live registration. We hope this will help you too, as your child knows their attendance is monitored every single lesson and we know this will motivate them to sign in promptly to hear from their teacher. Your child's teacher, tutor, Head of Year, Pastoral Manager or Keyworker will be in touch if we notice your child's attendance is dipping through the day.

### Free School Meal Vouchers

All children in receipt of Free School Meals will be receiving the Edenred vouchers from Monday onwards. This is a voucher for your preferred supermarket which is £15 per child per week. We welcome this move to vouchers, and hope this makes a difference to you as well.

With my best wishes for a good weekend.

Julia Hinchliffe, Headteacher

