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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all staying well and are getting through this as best you can.

I just wanted to share some updates and remind you we are here for any questions you may have.

Firstly, I am sure you are hearing lots of speculation about when schools will reopen. The short answer is no one really knows. We risk assess every individual student and our staff and from that we make a decision based on the balance of who needs to be in, how many staff are available and how safe we can keep everyone.

I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to our staff, who have been utterly committed to our students throughout this whole situation in a variety of ways. There is a rota of staff coming in to support the most vulnerable and our key workers' children; staff at home are providing work for the blog and teachers are contacting you to check all is well. Thank you also to all of you for all your support through this. From the pictures and videos shared, we are seeing how hard you are working to keep some form of stimulation and learning at home and it is really heart warming to receive these. We have also really appreciated the thank you messages and suggestions we have been getting and hope you feel heard and responded to. This is absolutely a partnership effort, so please do continue to send in any feedback and suggestions for how we can improve our support for you.

Following a request by some families for students to be able to see staff, we are making a little surprise for you, which will hopefully be out shortly. Watch this space...it will be worth it!

I am sharing some links for further support for families, children and young people, which may be of help to you:

<https://emergingminds.org.uk/resources/> - a resource from CAMHS

24/7 Mental Health Hotline: A mental health hotline has been started for Oxfordshire and



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Buckinghamshire to ease pressure on 111, so if this is something you feel would benefit you or other families, you can access it via the following link.

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/24-7-mental-health-helpline-replaces-111-in-oxfordshire-and-buckinghamshire>

Oxford Together are working hard to support those who are at high-risk or currently self-isolating. They are taking referrals from all over Oxfordshire. <https://oxfordtogether.org/>

Take care everybody, stay in touch, stay safe and have a good weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LW', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lucy Wawrzyniak
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