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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and managing to cope with the difficult circumstances that we are all facing. I am more than aware that you will be keeping up to date with key information via the website and FAQs. However, I wanted to reassure you that we are doing our very best to support students and their families in these unprecedented times.

President Kennedy School has remained open for children of key workers and vulnerable students and student numbers have remained low throughout the week depending on the work demands of key workers (parents). We are operating with a skeleton staff rota with a senior member of staff and first aider on duty every day. As part of the Local Authority response to the current situation we are hosting a similar number of staff and students from Barr's Hill School.

I am aware that many students, with the support of their parent/carers, will be trying to maintain a learning routine and environment but this may prove challenging for some families as they continue to juggle work commitments, childcare and some might be looking after relatives. We must remember that balance is important here as you adapt to your own personal circumstances. Please encourage your children to complete as much of the weekly work set as possible and to keep in touch with their teachers but please do not worry if not all of this work is completed. What is most important at this time is that children maintain as much of a learning routine as is possible. In addition to this please ensure that your children are participating in activities which maintain their health and well-being, including regular exercise. We continue to explore new methods of learning via live and pre-recorded lessons and more information about this will be available after Easter.

During these unprecedented times please be aware that many of our staff are experiencing similar situations to the rest of the country. Colleagues are working from home and are juggling childcare and home schooling, caring for ill family members or feeling unwell themselves. This situation is forever changing and is hard to predict. Therefore we ask for your understanding in this matter during these challenging times and we will continue to work together to support and guide our students.

As many of you know, on Friday of last week all schools received information regarding the awarding of summer grades for Year 11 and Year 13 students. I will be writing to all Year 11 and Year 13 students and their parents/carers but for further information please refer to the FAQs on the website. Please feel reassured that President Kennedy staff will fulfil this responsibility with integrity and utmost professionalism.

Please feel reassured that we are giving full consideration to the implications of missed learning time in school to all students, especially to Year 10 and Year 12 students who have started their GCSE and A Level courses. We are working closely with exam boards to ensure that students will be fully supported now, and when they return to school.



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Currently we are remaining open for the children of key workers and vulnerable students for the Easter holidays and are awaiting confirmation of whether the school will remain open for the Bank Holiday weekend (Good Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank holiday Monday). Please check the website for daily updates.

Please continue to contact us if you have any feedback or queries regarding accessing Free School Meal vouchers; the weekly work or ICT issues at: info@pks.coventry.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe and healthy.

Regards,



Mr Clayton