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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the academic year, I wanted to write to thank you for all that you have done to keep your child learning. Families have faced different challenges, and everyone has done the best they can to balance family life, working and distance learning. I wanted to reassure you that whatever your child has managed to achieve in this time, we will support them when they return to school in September to address any gaps in their learning.

It has been difficult for some students to keep up to date with the work that has been set and a few parents have been in touch to say that their child will be completing some catch-up work at some point during the summer holidays. For some children this is the appropriate course of action but there is no expectation that students catch up on any work they have not completed over the summer break. It is important that all students have a complete break from school work and recharge their batteries at some point.

Children are going to find it hard to return to five hours of lessons per day. Over the summer holidays please encourage your child to read several times a week as this will not only support their literacy development but also help them to maintain focus for extended periods of time.

In preparation for September I would ask that you look at the school equipment list which shows all the items your child must bring to school every day. This information is in the document Mr Pearsall sent home today. Given that students will not be able to share equipment, it is really important that your child comes to school with everything that is needed. To facilitate Art lessons to continue, the Art department has asked that students bring two fine black pens to their Art lessons. These should be fineliners if possible, but biros or similar pens would be sufficient. Having a full range of colouring pencils would also support your child in Art.

We are really looking forward to having our students back in school in September and getting back to learning in the classroom. We will work closely with you to support your child with the transition back-to-school work and on minimising the impact of the time we have spent out of school on your child's long-term progress. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if at any time, you are concerned about your child's progress at school.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

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