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Dear Students,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and that this letter finds you and your families safe and well. I cannot underestimate the mix of emotions you are all feeling about the current situation. There's no doubt that you must miss your friends and interestingly, quite a few of you have admitted to us that you really do miss school and your teachers!

I wanted to write personally to you all to say it is really important that you try your best to complete the work set by your teachers each week. We do know how difficult working at home can be. Many staff find working at home a challenge especially if you have a busy household and not always a quiet place to study. We know that the situation we all face is far from ideal but we do have to try to make the best of it. We have provided work packs to many of you who haven't been able to access a computer. However, we are working hard to get some computers that the school owns, lent out to students so you should all have a computer you can access. If you are without access and have not heard from us by next week, please email the address given below.

I have always said my proudest moment in my life was becoming a Headteacher of such an incredible school. However, the school is only incredible because of the staff we have and most importantly, you as our school community. I promise you all that we will continue to do our utmost to support you from a distance for now and more intensively when we return to school. We just need you to do your very best now to keep engaged with learning so you don't have a big mountain to climb or barrier to hurdle on your eventual return. Try to keep in good routines of completing the work set. If you have difficulties, your teachers, tutor or DOSP is only an email away! Also use this time to continue a love of learning - learn a new skill, read around your favourite subjects and keep talking to your family and friends!

If you do have any concerns or questions, use the talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk or talk2us@willingdonschool.org.uk email. We know many students are facing anxiety over this situation and please be reassured, many adults are too. We will get through it and the school will be waiting for you when we can open safely.

Keep safe, look after yourselves and your families, don't give your parents/carers too hard a time if they try to get you to work! Remember, we all want the very best for you.

Best wishes,

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