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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our commitment to student's wellbeing, enclosed are two resources that can be completed at home to increase resilience and support students during this challenging time. They have been designed by our staff with our students in mind and therefore should be accessible and beneficial to all.

You will have received an email from David Dinsmore last week regarding our recovery curriculum and the use of online learning resources such as Doodle/Seesaw. If you need any support with this or would prefer paper-based learning then please do contact the office or David ([d.dinsmore@dlc.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:d.dinsmore@dlc.dorset.sch.uk))

There continues to be a large amount of information in the media regarding the phased reopening of schools. At DLC we have to follow this guidance, therefore, I know that David has spoken to all families this week who could be offered a return to schooling and had a personal discussion about whether a return to school is appropriate. We will support parents in their choices at this difficult time. I firmly believe that you are the experts when it comes to understanding your child's individual needs. We are continuing to investigate the use of technology to enable us to offer further pastoral support for those students who are working from home, however I must ensure this is safe for all parties.

Furthermore, I must stress that we are still in extraordinary times and families have been placed under tremendous strain. As a school we are committed to supporting all our families so please don't be afraid to discuss any situation during our weekly welfare calls. We have a mantra at DLC that it is good to talk! We will help where we can, please come forward in confidence.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to my staff. They all continue to work tirelessly to support our students in a range of different ways. I know they miss "normality" greatly, especially the opportunity to interact and educate all DLC students. Please do let your child know that as they continue to work remotely, we all miss them and hope that they remain safe and well.

If you do wish to discuss anything please contact me via email [p.midworth@dlc.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:p.midworth@dlc.dorset.sch.uk) or through the school office (01305 261213).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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