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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you safe, well and in positive spirits.

September 2020 and Mental Health/Wellbeing appointments.

We are still awaiting further guidance regarding September and what education will look like. However, I would like to reassure you that we will plan very carefully how to best meet the needs of all our children and their families keeping this experience at the forefront of our thinking.

We are in the process of contacting all parents to arrange an appointment for a mental health/wellbeing check for all students who have not returned to school. For some students this might be via phone. From my previous letters, you will know that this is of the upmost importance for our school community. These sessions will give students the chance to speak to our pastoral team and discuss any concerns regarding COVID-19, lockdown and returning to school.

Learning Resources

There continue to be a range of daily activities that your child can access via Doodle for Years 7-10 or Seesaw for primary students. We have also sent home Thrive and Elsa booklets. If you wish to discuss anything regarding these activities please contact my deputy, David Dinsmore (d.dinsmore@dlc.dorset.sch.uk). We have found that those students who are engaging in these activities are finding the structure and routine helpful.

Year 11

At this present time, year 11 will finish their time at DLC on Friday 26th June. We will be contacting the parents of those students who are attending school this week to discuss the remaining weeks of this term. Due to the unprecedented nature of the current situation we will continue to offer wellbeing calls once a week until the end of term and we are also investigating the possibility of employing a transition coach, to enhance the transition of our year 11 students to their next steps. More details will follow before the Summer holidays. I would again like to pay tribute to our year 11 cohort, who have set an amazing example to the rest of the school this year.

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If you are entitled to free school meals the next 3 week voucher will be posted on Friday 26th June. Furthermore, due to the amazing campaign by Marcus Rashford, free school meals will be available throughout the Summer holidays. Again, we await final details of this, but I would expect a 6 week voucher to be sent home.



Finally, as restrictions for COVID seem to be easing please be aware that we will continue to offer the same level of safeguarding and welfare support for our students. We will continue with the welfare calls and please do use this if there is any support we can offer. If you wish to discuss anything personally with me please do contact me on p.midworth@dlc.dorset.sch.uk or contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours faithfully

Phil Midworth

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