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## PARENT AND CARER UPDATE – 20 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter family break and welcome to our very first remote summer term!

From your direct contact with school, text messages, and posts on official school social media channels, clearly we're all adapting to new ways of working. I wanted to take this opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it is understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

If you need any help or support from the school, please let us know by calling 01246 863127 or email: [enquiries@tuptonhall.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tuptonhall.org.uk) If your child has any issues at all, they can contact their Form Tutor or Head of House so we can help.

We miss not having our students in school, but we must continue to follow the Government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. Remember, if you are a key worker or parent of a vulnerable student, school is open each day for your child. Even if you have not accessed this provision before, please contact school and we will make arrangements to help you and help your child.

Our teachers will be setting plenty of online learning tasks through Class Charts for all students. They will provide encouragement when needed, and feedback to student emails if a child is stuck or requires additional support to complete the work set. One of the key aims of online learning is to maintain good working routines, therefore a few focused hours of 'school work' at an agreed time is much better than a haphazard approach.

After 'school work', please encourage your child to take breaks away from screens to take advantage of the dry and sunny weather, whether it be in the garden or on an exercise route close to home. We are all concerned about the impact of this period of isolation on the mental health of our children. Whilst they can't be physically close to their friends and family, we should encourage them to contact one another to speak and share stories, feelings and emotions. It is 'good to talk'.

There is no clear indication of when we'll be able to open the school fully. Please rest assured that we will continue to do our utmost to support our students and families. Your feedback is always welcome, so please do not hesitate to contact me with ideas or comments if you wish.

Warm regards,

Mr Andrew J Knowles - Headteacher