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Dear KS3 Parents/Carers,

As we are approaching the end of week two of remote learning, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have done so far to support our pupils and your child during this challenging period. Our teachers and staff are very aware of the difficulties parents and carers face at present, juggling different responsibilities, overseeing the work of the boys and girls at home whilst also fulfilling your own work and wider family commitments. We are very grateful for all that you have done thus far and we ask for your continued support, as far as is reasonable and manageable. Teachers will continue to deliver lessons through google classroom and will be reviewing/marking completed pupil tasks and commenting to celebrate pupil success. Teachers will be available to respond to any queries you may have about the work however please do not expect an immediate response. Teachers may need to make contact with you from time to time. There is no pressure to reply to this immediately, your response can be at a time that is convenient to you.

Over the past few days we have been making contact with all our KS3 pupils and one of the most frequently asked questions has been 'How can I support distance learning at home'?

We've compiled some advice to help you at this challenging time:

- Try to keep a routine. We have provided our pupils with an online learning timetable. This may help parents and carers to structure their day but it isn't rigid and it isn't a 'school day timetable'.
- Find a routine that works for your family. This might involve setting times for work during the day and times for recreation / relaxation.
- Be kind to yourself.
- Lots of us are anxious and still trying to adjust to this new way of living. Lots of us are also still working and trying to balance this support for learning.
- Don't feel guilty if you sometimes struggle to keep to your routine, just do what you can.
- This time as a family is valuable and will hopefully be one of the positive things that we are able to take away from this experience.

Please look after yourselves and your families. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or require any further support. Stay safe.

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Leader of Learning KS3

