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Dear Parent / Carer

We really appreciate your feedback and more importantly the positivity from so many of you in support of how we are trying to provide the best continued education for all our young people, regardless of circumstance.

We understand that one way of working is not going to be right for everyone, but we have read all responses from the survey and tried to adapt the provision slightly to accommodate the different ways of studying. We are still of the opinion that these packs provide the students with the opportunity to be self-directed learners and to take ownership of what and when they learn, which is an invaluable life skill moving forward. Remember home school is not the same as being in school, two to three hours uninterrupted study a day is comparable to a day in school.

There were several questions raised within the survey which we hope to clarify below -

Limited contact from teachers – everyone should now have received a well-being phone call from someone within school. Staying in contact is really important for us as well as you, and we will continue to do this moving forward. SMHW continues to be the best place to discuss work, but teachers will also respond to emails (within school hours of course).

Clarity on how much work needs to be done – Ideally all work for English, maths and science should be completed along with the tasks specific to option subjects. Striking a balance with the well-being and physical challenges is also important.

Work more specific to subjects – the structure of the work is more suited to the expectations of GCSE/BTEC, with more exam style questions, research and links included.

On-line resources – links have been included within the work packs to platforms such as Hegarty maths Century Tech, BBC Bitesize to support learning. We have also shared all information regarding a range of platforms for additional study if students so wish.

Don't forget to use the stamped addressed envelopes provided in the new packs, we are looking forward to receiving work and of course the Passport Challenge Points page so that we can share in what the young people have achieved during these past four weeks.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting. With the government announcements this week specifically mentioning the return of Year 10, there is still much that we need to do in determining how this can be managed and more

information will follow imminently. Of course, the safety of everyone will be paramount in the decisions that we make.

Thank you for your continued support, keep safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signatures of Natalie Christie and Vic Goddard in black ink.

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