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Dear Parents/Carers

Despite some unhelpful speculation that was released in the national press, as an Academy, the guidance that we receive indicates that the closure will continue for a number of weeks and possibly beyond.

The majority of our students are working extremely hard with all work tasks being completed to a good standard. It is imperative that this is now the case for all students, to ensure that they are making the similar progress to the rest of the student cohort, which will be crucial on our return. If you require any additional support with this please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate member of staff which in most occasions will be your child's Academic Mentor.

To further support this process a team of staff are making contact with specific families to address any issues that may be evident. An updated lockdown rewards strategy will also be launched this week. This will recognise the students that are producing excellent work and provide them the opportunity to enter a prize draw for the lucky winners to receive online vouchers.

The fifth newsletter is attached to this letter and this edition contains information regarding our provision for our trainee teachers, ways that our staff are supporting the local community and even some family challenges that have been set by some of our department areas.

As you will be aware a large number of trips were unable to take place due to the lockdown restrictions as a response to the spread of COVID-19. The Academy have been in constant communication with a range of external agencies, including our insurers, to seek the appropriate compensation. All parents that had booked for their child to attend a trip will receive a letter with further details in the coming days.

If you need to contact the academy please use the [office@dittonparkacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@dittonparkacademy.co.uk) email address or the contact us feature on our website. If you need to contact specific subject staff please continue to do this via the methods that have been previously published.

I hope that you and your family continue to enjoy the good weather and stay safe

Kind regards



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