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Dear Parents / Carers

Let me begin by saying how much we miss all of our 4,500 students. We are concerned for our students' health and well-being, as well as their families. Although none of us have experienced a pandemic before, the CORE family of students, parents, educators, and all our stakeholders have quickly risen to the occasion, as usual. We would like to thank everyone for your kindness and support, especially our health professionals, delivery drivers, supermarket employees, emergency services and all other essential operations personnel.

The coronavirus pandemic is both completely unprecedented and constantly evolving. We know that it will cause difficulties and stress for our students and their families. We want you to know we have been making careful and detailed plans to serve our most important assets - your children. The next few weeks will not be easy. There will be mistakes, problems, and concerns along the way. However, there will be more successes, happiness, hope, laughter, fun, and purpose! We understand many of you are still working and have several children to help, financial concerns, health issues, etc. We are here to patiently support our students and you throughout this challenging time. Please do not stress over the school work via distance learning or printed material. Frustrations are high due to our circumstances and we don't want to increase the stress on our families. We are going to do our best to provide schoolwork to keep our students' minds moving forward. We also ask for your patience and understanding as we travel this new territory. Our teachers and other employees are working long hours from home while dealing with their new, but temporary, normal.

We have made provision in our schools for the vulnerable children and the children of 'critical workers' who are at the front line of this critical situation. Please use this provision if you really need to. We have a system in place in all of our schools to ensure that all children on Free School Meals continue to receive these, please contact schools directly for support. We are committed to helping families who are being disadvantaged by this crisis.

As our 'physical schools' have closed to most of our students our virtual provision has been made available. Please look out for updates from each of our schools on Twitter, the CORE Connects section of the school website and through text messages. Over the next few weeks we envisage all of our students will be able to take part in online learning.

Please find overleaf a number of resources you and your family may find helpful over the coming weeks.

I wish you and your family the very best, please follow the government guidelines using social distancing and hygiene protocols. Please remember life will get back to normal eventually, now is the time for us to come together as one community. If I or my colleagues can be of any service to you please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours sincerely



Saiqa Liaqat  
Executive Headteacher

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## General

- [Gojimo](#) website - A revision app that covers 28 GCSE subjects, 20 A level subjects, and much more.
- [A Chemical Orthodoxy](#) website - A list of Q&A spreadsheets for retrieval practice, including History, English Lit, IB Business Management, A-level Psychology, RE, Sociology, Philosophy, and lots on science.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) on BBC website - Provides interactive activities mapped against the national curricula for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Covers Early Years, Primary, Secondary and 16+
- [BrainPOP](#) website - Free resources on a range of subjects, both traditional school-based subjects and topical subjects.
- [Children's University of Manchester](#) website - A suite of activities and resources covering History, Languages, Science, Art and Design, and student life.
- [Discovery education](#) (US-based) website - Videos, activities, printable resources on a wide range of topics. (some free content available).
- [Khan academy](#) website - A vast library of online learning courses. Running daily schedules for students aged 4-18 during school closures.
- [Learning by questions](#) website - A wide-ranging resource covering English, Maths, Science at primary and secondary. Designed to be an in-class teaching and learning tool but can be used to deliver question sets to pupils at home.
- [MemRise](#) website - A free and interactive platform for learning languages.
- [Outschool](#) website - Online lessons at scheduled times covering a wide range of topics. (offering free live online classes during school closures).
- [Picture News](#) - They send out a topical picture, with learning resources, each week (free access currently).
- [Scholastic Classroom Magazine](#) website (US-based) - Learn at Home, 20 day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing.
- [Seneca](#) website - A huge range free online courses and resources covering a wide range of courses, from primary to 16+.
- [Smart School House](#) website - Lots of creative ideas for craft projects to do at home.
- [Travel and Leisure](#) website – Virtual tours of 12 famous museums.
- [Typing club](#) website- Learn to touch type for free.
- [Young writers](#) website - Regular writing competitions for primary and secondary age children.

## English

- [Remote learning @SPryke2](#) (via dropbox) – Revision guides and remote learning guides for GCSE English lit – Christmas Carol, Inspector Calls, MacBeth.

## Science

- [Born to Engineer](#) website (The science of bubbles) - Video clips, practical activities, worksheets and further reading for KS3.
- [Ormston Meridian Academy Faculty of Science](#) website - Includes SLOP (shed loads of practice) sheets, knowledge organisers, recall roulette spreadsheets.

## Maths

- [Eedi website](#) - Craig Barton's maths resources.
- [NRich](#) (University of Cambridge) website – Secondary Maths activities and games.