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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to update you with as much information as I can regarding how the academy will operate over the coming weeks now that we have had some more information from the Department for Education. This situation remains changeable and we will continue to communicate with you as much as we can. I hope everyone is well and staying safe.

Year 11:

Vocational exams are taking place next week and you will have been contacted if your child is expected to attend. Furthermore, the Department for Education has announced that GCSE and equivalent exams will not take place in the summer. Your child will be issued a teacher assessed grade. It is **vital** that Year 11 students attend their remote lessons and complete all learning issued to them as we still have elements of the GCSE courses to complete and assessments to undertake. We fully expect Year 11 to be back in school before the end of this term and we will be setting internal exams to help provide the evidence for the teacher assessed grades on their return. Students have a real reason to work harder than ever, complete all activities and prepare themselves for these assessments. I will be having an online assembly with Year 11 next week to go through this in more detail.

Morton Academy Care:

Thank you to all parents who are accessing Morton Academy Care. If you are a critical key worker and require a space for your child, please complete the Microsoft Form online ([MAC Form](#)) and we will contact you as soon as we can.

Devices:

We have been able to procure several Chromebooks and have processed nearly 70 devices to go out to students this week. We are expecting another delivery of devices soon and will roll out the next series during next week. If your child requires a device to access learning please contact Lisa.Bewley@rrma.org.uk and we will add you to our list.

Remote Learning:

Next week we will start live teaching through Microsoft Teams. For the first week we plan to have 2 asynchronous lessons and 2 live lessons every day for every child. This is equivalent to 4 hours learning time. During the course of the week we will likely send a short survey to you to gain your views about the amount of work being set, any support you think you need, any concerns about your child's mental health and the amount of time children are sitting behind screens. We need to ensure that students continue to make progress in preparation for their return.

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Physical Resources Roll Out:

In order to support with home learning, we plan to roll out some resources to homes. These will include copies of the texts we are studying, workbooks and even musical instruments for some students. We plan to do this in a phased manner across next week with different year groups coming in at specific times to pick up their resources. Year 11 students will be able to pick up their Mock results on their day and Year 10 will be able to receive their revision guides.

Attendance:

If your child is unwell and cannot attend their live lessons it is important that you contact the academy as normal. We will be taking registers for lessons and will be contacting you if children are not attending. As the weeks progress we hope to add more activities to our online provision such as Tutor Times and other sessions.

In the meantime, please have a restful weekend. If the academy can do anything to help you over the coming weeks, please do get in touch and we will do what we can as a community together to get through this period.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal