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Dear Parents/Carers

We now move into the 6<sup>th</sup> week of being away from college life. I'm sure, like myself, it has felt like much longer. We must ensure we are continuing to follow the social distancing guidance. It is also hugely important that we 'stay at home' and only go out when absolutely necessary. In Sussex we are still currently in the 'sustained' phase of the pandemic with the surge stage (peak number of Coronavirus cases) is expected to happen over the next couple of weeks. This is why you must continue with your incredible efforts and follow the Government guidelines.

Staff will continue to be in contact with you throughout the week. They have loved checking in and hearing what you have all been doing. Class teachers will discuss with you what they are sending home in terms of work. The priority continues to be all of your welfare first and foremost and any work is should only be done if it is appropriate for you.

#### **Free School Meals**

The national voucher scheme is now up and running and will replace the food parcels we were previously delivering. If you have any issues with this please contact Isabelle Burton, College Business Manager, at [SBM@mgcollege.co.uk](mailto:SBM@mgcollege.co.uk).

#### **Welfare calls**

Teachers will continue to call each week to check in with you all. Please let them know if you need anything at all.

#### **Safeguarding**

If you have any concerns please contact at the college at [admin@mgcollege.co.uk](mailto:admin@mgcollege.co.uk) we will get the on duty Designated Safeguarding Lead to contact you ASAP.

#### **YouTube**

We are continuing to add content to the Manor Green YouTube page so please go along and have a look at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC16Kp4sEluOmliTzdIFzSRg>

#### **Sussex School Games**

The Sussex School games was due to take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June at K2 Crawley. Sadly, this event was cancelled due to the ongoing situation. The Games have set up a virtual School games which will launch a challenge every Monday at 9.30 for you to try out. This can be found on [www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk](http://www.sussexschoolgames.co.uk). If you decide to have a go at any of these challenges, please let your teacher know how you get on.

#### **Bereavement and Loss**

In these times, some of you may have experienced bereavement and loss. If you require any support, please speak to your teacher or contact us at the college and we will organise support.

Please continue to look after yourselves in this difficult time. Remember the continued importance of washing your hands, social distancing and reducing all non-essential trips. Finally, if you can keep your child at home, that is where they should be.

Please also find attached a letter from Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education and Skills, at West Sussex County Council to all parents and carers in West Sussex.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this time.

Best wishes

Tom Smith