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Dear Parents/Carers

I can only imagine you are as tired reading these letters as I am writing them. Last night's announcement about the end of summer exams in their existing format, and an extended halt to face to face teaching has created a huge amount of anxiety for all of us. While this may have been a sensible decision, the lastminute nature of it has made it difficult for any of us to plan ahead. I hope that you have been able to manage the turbulence caused by this poorly handled announcement, particularly those of you who have younger children at primary school who may have been expecting to attend this morning.

I wanted to write to you to let you know that we have been working in school to address some of the challenges posed by the latest turn of events. We have absolutely no information about what the GCSE, A-Level or Vocational grades will be based on this year, though Ofqual this morning shared that they were "*considering a number of options to ensure the fairest possible outcome in the circumstances*" so hopefully we will know more over the next few days. As ever, I will communicate with you when we have clarity. In terms of online learning, this will be shared on Microsoft Teams as it always has been. For this week it will follow the child's normal timetable, but do be aware the late closure of primary schools and a lack of key worker provision has affected some our staff too, so lessons may not be entirely live and face to face. We will be in touch about next week and beyond as soon as we can.

As there will be further correspondence over the coming days, I will keep this letter short and send my best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher