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Dear Parents,

We trust that you are well and that your 'scholars' are adapting to the 'school with new settings'. We want first to thank you for the fine job you are doing in support of our remote learning programme. While we fully understand that you may be struggling to a degree with the various tasks that you are attempting, we want you to know that so far the CAEA parent community has done a fine job. This judgement is based on the work that our teachers have been receiving and the generally upbeat demeanour of our students as reflected in the tutor group meetings. We are most appreciative of your efforts.

That said, it is likely that a few children may be having difficulty with certain work set. If you have experienced this kind of difficulty, may we suggest that you remain open to some alternative work/activity that your child may wish to undertake. As we all know, remote learning is not intended to duplicate the regular classroom experience; it can, however, enable a child to attempt a variety of exercises and related work that will, to a degree, reinforce learning and reinforce processes.

If you are having very significant difficulty with your child, including a refusal to attempt assignments or their alternates, or, indeed, a complete unwillingness to do any learning-related activity, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate tutor.

As you will understand, it is our hope that schools throughout England will be able to re-open for on-site learning as soon as possible. The government remains reluctant to confirm any sort of date for such a re-opening, however, and earlier today the Education Secretary declined to make a commitment of any sort. It is for this reason that we urge our parent community to continue working assiduously in support of the remote learning initiatives.

We have for some time noted on our website that our Remote Learning policy is available through the main office. We are, however, making some revisions and the newer version will be ready for anyone who wishes to see it next week.

Next week will also usher in the new Registration policy, which is a non-optional programme designed to ensure that all school children currently learning at home are, indeed, doing so. The programme involves a Zoom exercise and we will be sending out instructions in the next few days.

Finally, we do want to share some very flattering news: CAEA has been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Certificate of Merit for our contributions in SEN education during the pandemic. This award reflects not only the contribution that all of our CAEA colleagues make but, indeed, all of the contributions that the CAEA parent community also makes. Well done.

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