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Dear Parent

I write to you, the last time for a while, using this Tuesday letter format. I will continue to write on a weekly basis using the same method, however I will now be using this communication to speak directly to students. Therefore, I would be most grateful if this weekly letter could be shared with our young people every week.

Before I switch over to our students, I would like to take this opportunity to 'thank you' all for your ongoing support and messages of good will over the last week. Moving across to a largely digital school has been challenging, and how we set and monitor work is very much emerging still as a strategy. That being said, rapid progress is being made daily in our approach, with the use of innovative ideas to augment learning.

I would like to say just a few words in terms of advice, although I certainly do not wish to presume to advise more experienced persons, but please indulge me. This period of time is currently uncertain in length, as a result a structured learning environment is highly beneficial for our young people - *my own children, I have to admit, are sat working at the table with me now in school uniform* - I'm not suggesting that you go to this extreme by any means, however an orderly school day will provide focus and structure to our young people, who will understandably be increasingly worried too.

We are setting lots of targeted work, this is an opportunity for young people to pursue areas of interest. We at QEGS, Alford, have always valued learning for the sake of learning. In these strange times, we very much must ensure that our current learning falls into the same category.

As ever, we as a school stand united within our school community. Please do continue to get in contact through the reception email as you need us. We may now be a digital school, this is our new normal way of working.

Stay safe.

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Headteacher



One heart, one way

