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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement made yesterday by the Education Secretary that all schools will close from the end of the day on Friday (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-colleges-and-early-years-settings-to-close>), we are contacting you to ensure you are aware of how our students will access distance learning materials during this period. We are committed to minimise the impact on learning of the current situation and so all staff will be setting work for their classes, following the usual curriculum we would have taught in school.

In all years, students will be set work by their class teacher according to their current timetable to ensure no lessons are missed. We intend to use email and online resources to support this. A guide to accessing additional online support is on the website. In addition, many subjects have either already issued or are about to issue hard-copy revision material. All students who do not have access to the internet at home have been given hard copies of all work. Teachers will be available every day, during school hours to offer advice and support to our students.

All students can access the Student Zone at:

<https://greatbarrschool.sharepoint.com/StudentZone/SitePages/Home.aspx>

On the Student Zone, students will be able to access Microsoft Teams (which many staff will be using to set work), e-mail, their online folder of documents, along with various other useful online platforms and materials.

Please ensure students are making the most of this material and that they are committing to working for the same amount of time as they would at school. We know you will naturally be concerned about your child's education and so together we can ensure they still access the curriculum from home.

We are always available via e-mail or telephone should you need any further support or guidance with any of the above.

Yours faithfully



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