



## MASCALLS ACADEMY

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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you are all well. As the coronavirus outbreak accelerates and following a series of significant government announcements over the last few days, I thought I would write a short letter to keep you updated.

The following is an email sent to all students today to their school accounts:

*I know that many of you will be worried about your health and that of your family and friends. Please know that your teachers will do everything within their power to make sure you are all OK. Just because you are not in the building, you can still ask for help and raise concerns, we really do care about each and every one of you and want you all to return to us fit and healthy as soon as we are able to.*

*You can email your college teams and communicate with your teachers through Google Classroom to ask questions. Please remember email is a bit slower to respond to than a face to face conversation, just because we don't respond straight away it does not mean that we won't or are ignoring you.*

*This is likely to be the scenario we face for quite some time, so it is really important we look out for each other. It is important that you are disciplined and set yourself a routine to complete work online every day. This is not like a snow day! Keep in touch with your friends, FaceTime, Instagram, Snapchat - just keep talking and only kind and supportive words.*

*We are here for you when you need us and we will all come back from this stronger, more disciplined and united than before.*

*More than ever we need you to do as authority asks, stay inside, get your friends to stay inside and keep on talking to each other. Any other problems along the way can and will be solved (Year 11 and 13, I will be in touch about exams, just keep the discipline, keep working this may be needed for evidence of just how amazing you are!).*

*Finally, a thank you. It is a privilege to lead a school full of students as amazing and exceptional as you are. You have responded to challenge with great courage and discipline. I am so very proud of you all.*

*Stay safe*

For parents, the challenge alluded to in the above will become more obvious as time goes by. Stay strong, **find and keep the routine, using the school timetable as a guide.** At this stage our staff are coming to terms with the volume of communication whilst attending to their own families. Please continue to be patient, we have had an extraordinary number of students very quickly adapt to remote learning which is fantastic, please try to encourage only to most urgent of queries.

Our online safeguarding reporting and tracking is live, those who have yet to respond to staff requests for work or are raising concerns will be contacted swiftly so that we can ensure that students are well and that they can access work.



Please also ensure that the latest government advice regarding staying inside and social distancing is adhered to rigidly.

The offer of help is always extended to parents, if you are concerned about anything please contact the college teams or [reception@mascallsacademy.org.uk](mailto:reception@mascallsacademy.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Monk', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Mr W Monk**  
Principal