

24th April 2020

To: Parents and Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you are safe and well and that you have been able to continue to spend some quality time together as a family. We appreciate that this is a very difficult time for our students and families and working from home is challenging. You may have seen that I posted some videos to the students this week, which was completely out of my comfort zone, and I found it challenging but it's a new skill I am developing! We are working to stay connected during this disconnected time, and as part of this please do ensure your children check in with their tutors twice a week but I can't emphasise enough how much we are all missing our students – schools were not designed to be hollow and empty and we look forward to when we can open them back up to everyone.

As Mr Jackson said in his email this week, despite all the rumours and guessing there continues to be no confirmation as to when this might happen, but we will keep you fully informed with any information we receive regarding this as soon as we get it. Please remember all of the information we have shared regarding Covid-19 is accessible on our website under the microsite section - please do check this regularly and if possible follow us on Facebook.

As I said earlier, these are difficult times and families are facing many different day to day pressures. If you are struggling in any way please do contact me at mccabes@westlakesmat.org.uk, this would be completely confidential and we would then work with you to provide support in whatever way we can – this could range from signposting you to the correct source of assistance to helping you with some essentials.

Please do not hesitate to let me know - we are living in a situation which has not been planned for and therefore you may find that you need help in a way that you have not needed before and the academy wants to do everything that we can to support our families and community. Please remember we are here to help.

Whilst we are not in school, staff are still working and responding to emails and I will respond to any emails as quickly as I can.

Please stay safe and well and take care.

Kind regards



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