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Dear Parent / Carer.

It has been an interesting week with the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, giving some indication of what it may look like when schools do reopen. However, at the current time schools only remain open for key workers' children or those identified as vulnerable.

The majority of you are home schooling, which I fully appreciate is a challenging task and wish to work in partnership with you to support your child's learning. For this reason, we have sent out a Google Survey to parents in both the primary and secondary phase to gauge feedback on what is working well and things that could be improved further. For safeguarding reasons, we are not able to deliver live lessons for pupils but are keen to make the work as interesting and exciting as possible.

It is important that pupils also do a wide range of activities while at home and below are some useful sites which may be helpful. We have also produced a virtual field trip which pupils in both phases may find interesting.

The 'Virtual' Sussex School Games has a number of sporting challenges which gives children across Sussex the chance to represent their schools alongside their friends and classmates, and compete to be Sussex champions. Medals will be awarded to the best scoring schools in each sport, with separate Primary and Secondary competitions. For more information, please see the link below.

<https://czone.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/6191/specsavers-virtual-sussex-games-2020.pdf>

We are also delighted to announce the launch of [E-Wellbeing – a website to support 13-25 year olds across Sussex with their mental health](#). YMCA Downlink and Sussex Partnership Foundation NHS Trust have worked hard to mobilise this website, designed by young people for young people.

The website provides self-help information, handy toolkits and a directory of local services and COVID-19 advice. E-wellbeing is different from other websites. It provides young people with self-help guidance and information about different aspects of mental health difficulties and supports them to make the decision about whether they may need help from a professional service.

I will write to you again as soon as we hear from the Government that the situation is changing and we have a plan for returning.

Above all, please make sure you and your family stay safe and well and hopefully, we will see more pupils back at school soon

Yours sincerely,



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