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Dear Parent/ Carer

I am so proud of our school community! The students have responded brilliantly to home learning and I must thank the teachers and support staff for their professionalism, commitment and dedication to ensuring quality learning during this unprecedented time. I also thank the admin staff for their fantastic support at this difficult time.

The learning opportunities are wonderful and it is so good to maintain some form of routine for your child in order to support their wellbeing and keep them busy during this period of staying at home. I would like to thank you as parents for your understanding and patience as we all look to working in a very different way, whilst maintaining your own working lives.

There have been so many successes this week from live teaching, submitting work, and learning in the face of adversity. It is no mean feat to facilitate 1328 pupils working remotely within days. I thank you for sharing the successes. Indeed, I would encourage you all to keep in contact with your teachers and pastoral leads. We have had so many wonderful comments and these have been shared with all staff to maintain our spirits and commitment to the pupils.

If you do have a moment to share your successes please send them to your child's pastoral lead or me principal@painsley.staffs.sch.uk In turn, we will share successes with you through our weekly letter and on our Facebook page where appropriate.

Please excuse a few reminders but as our adaptation was swift, I am sure some of these points may have been missed:

- If your child is unwell and unable to participate in learning please e-mail reception@painsley.staffs.sch.uk as this information is being shared with staff daily.
- If you have any individual concerns, please contact your child's Pastoral Lead.
- Work will be set as per the timetable. Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 lessons are being live streamed where possible. Year 7, 8 & 9 are through Show My Homework. We will not be setting any additional homework over Easter in order for children to catch-up on any work and to have a well-earned rest!
- Friday 3rd April is an inset day. There will be no live streaming or lessons set for the day.
- Please check on how work is to be submitted (for example, on Show My Homework or via Google Classroom) and by when.
- Staff will mark one piece of work weekly and feedback to the pupil in a variety of ways such as voice recordings or via the live teaching sessions.
- We are looking forward to showering the pupils with achievement points for their efforts!

Please be assured that as soon as we have news regarding the awarding of grades for GCSE and A Level examinations we will let you know. Year 12 reports due to go out next week will not go out at this current time.



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Once again I thank you for your understanding in this unprecedented time and I encourage you to keep in touch. We are all here even though it may be in a different way and we look forward to hearing your stories and anecdotes of successes, small and large. Photos and/or words are encouraged as they really motivate our hardworking staff!

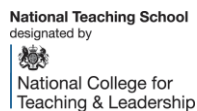
At a time of great need, it can seem that we are powerless but we have the power of prayer. I have printed the Pope's prayer for protection from coronavirus below.

God Bless

Mrs R Waugh
Principal

Pope Francis
Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



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