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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds yourself and your family well. All staff in school are missing the pupils and we are looking forward to being able to see them in person when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we are going to run a series of form time video sessions using Microsoft Teams. Year 7 successfully completed the first ones today and I know from the feedback I have received that the pupils and form tutors really enjoyed being able to see and speak to each other. Further instructions will come out to year 8-11 pupils from Monday.

St Monica's staff continue to make regular phone calls to our pupils and families to offer support and give you the opportunity to raise any concerns you may have. As a reminder - if you have any safeguarding concerns, please do contact myself on 07933550985 or Mrs Davies on 07933547440 during the school day. Parents and pupils may also access support through Childline 0800 1111, Samaritans 116 123 and NSPCC 0808 800 5000. Support can also be accessed during this challenging time through the National Domestic Abuse helpline on 0808 2000 247. Kooth.com is also a useful website for mental health support.

Keyworker/Vulnerable School places - we continue to offer places to children of keyworkers and those that are in the vulnerable categories defined by the government when alternative arrangements cannot be made. The government advice remains that the safest place to be is at home. Please continue to use keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk to request a place.

Online safety remains important as pupils potentially are spending more time online. Don't forget the 'Think You Know' website is releasing some home education packs every fortnight for you to use with your child. Please click on this link for further information and to access the first pack:

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/support-your-child-at-home/.](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/support-your-child-at-home/)

A 'Teen Guide to Surviving Lockdown' is available on the school website that you might find useful.

Please continue to follow the government guidance – stay safe – stay at home.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher