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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that you are all well and have managed to enjoy some of this sunshine we have had recently. One day I will be able to write 'what a fantastic term we have had with no disruption', however I don't think it will be this academic year.

As it was, on the second day back in January, we found ourselves in yet another lockdown, which I know was not easy for anyone, especially our young people. I do hope all those who remained at home during this time were able to engage with the learning tasks offered, in particular the Google Classroom rollout which has proved invaluable for us as a school. You will be pleased to know that we are still using it for the few young people who continue to remain at home for various reasons, as well as for those pupils who are in school but find it difficult to be in the classroom. It really has been a win-win situation. I would like to thank you for persevering to make it work and for all that you have done whilst your young people have been at home.

On Monday 8 March we welcomed all pupils back to school and it has been so lovely to have them all back. In the majority, they have all settled well, enjoyed being back with their friends and now it feels, after 4 weeks, that they have never been away. I am sure you are all looking forward to the Easter break, especially now that some of the restrictions on us are being lifted.

Thank you to everyone who is taking part in the Lateral Flow tests; it really does support the school and ensures that we are not transmitting the infection unnecessarily. Please be advised the staff are also carrying out the testing on themselves. I do hope everyone stays well during the holidays but, as before, please email me on s.white@osborne.hants.sch.uk if your young person does test positive.

So, what has Osborne been up to? We have continued to work in our bubbles and will carry on with this throughout the summer term. Our entry into the Bank of England Schools' Film project was successful and we won £200 to be used towards filming equipment. Certain members of staff have won Lockdown Legend Awards from Integr8 Dance and have been rewarded with a free dance class for their class. All pupils have continued to work extremely hard and for many getting their coursework completed has been a priority.

We have continued to monitor pupil progress and I am pleased to enclose your young person's reviewed Osborne Value Target for the Spring Term and the new one that has been set for the Summer Term.

Next term we are hoping to do a little more. It may not involve trips out but we are certainly hoping to have a Sports Day, weather and restrictions permitting. It will unfortunately only be for pupils and not parents on this occasion due to the numbers and potential transmission of Covid. We are also hoping to hold the Leavers Assembly and Prom for both this year's Leavers and those who left last year. This is again all dependant on when the restrictions are lifted but more detail will be available nearer the time. For the rest of the summer term we will continue to hold all meetings and assemblies on line just to ensure everyone's safety.

I am pleased to confirm that all year 11 pupils, and those Osborne College students who are due to leave this summer, can all stay on until the end of the Summer Term, rather than leave at the end of June which is customary. We hope that this will help them catch up on some of the learning that they may have lost during lockdown.

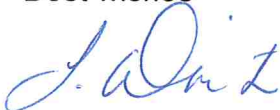
We are currently in the process of planning for September and we will be taking forward some of the lessons we have learned throughout the lockdown. It is nice to think that some of the strategies we have had to adopt during this difficult time might continue to benefit pupils in the future. I will of course inform you of any changes.

You will notice that your child has come home with an Easter egg today (or appropriate substitute if they have food allergies or intolerances). This generous donation by Chandlers Ford Help is a lovely example of people wanting to put smiles on childrens' faces. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their kind donation.

Take care everyone, have a good break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 19 April.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and co-operation.

Best wishes



Sonia White
Headteacher
