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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the last day of term I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have given to the school over the last few weeks. I don't doubt that supporting your children with home learning has presented many challenges but I am sure you have done your very best.

As it stands the school site will only be open on certain days over the next two weeks as very few students require provision. However, staff are on standby and therefore if you are a key worker and find yourself needing provision at the last minute, please email info@thedeacademy.org and we will get in contact and open the site. Please do not just drop your child off without prior warning as the site may not be open. Any provision required must be last resort.

Guidance from the government and Ofqual regarding the grading of GCSEs has been released today. Further information is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcse-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>. We will take some time to digest this information and be in contact with Year 11s and their parents in due course. Please do not contact individual staff regarding this at this stage.

Other than homework that might have ordinarily been set over the Easter break, teachers will not be setting work over the next two weeks. Please allow your children to step away from school work and use the time to relax and do some activities as a family. The period after Easter will most likely be a further extended period of home learning and it is important that students do not get burnt out.

Emily Smith and Declan Mooney will write to you towards the end of the holiday with details of how work will be set moving forward and what in-school provision will be in place. Essentially the school will continue to be open for children of key workers and vulnerable children; please continue to use the info@thedeacademy.org email to notify us of the provision you require and on which days.

Please continue to check the school website, our twitter feed, and ClassCharts for support, guidance and links to mental health advice, including some ideas of activities for young people to be doing over the Easter period. I wish you all a safe and happy Easter,

Kindest regards



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