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Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to thank you for the overwhelming support many of you have given to the school over the last week. Since the passing of Mr Parker, we have received many cards, flowers and messages of condolence that have continued to remind us of our Headmaster's kindness, compassion and inspirational leadership. In school we have a book of condolence that the students are invited to contribute to and the online book is still open and can be accessed via this link <https://www.schoolsofkingedwardvi.co.uk/colin-parker-condolences/> Our form tutors, teachers and pastoral staff have been supporting the students who have needed time and space to talk about Mr Parker or issues of bereavement. If you think your child would benefit from additional support please get in contact with their year leader.

With the country moving into another period of lockdown I appreciate that this brings additional challenges for families as it does for school life. Thank you for your efforts to communicate your children's COVID-19 related absences swiftly to school and via the correct channels (covidabsence@keaston.bham.sch.uk). In the light of government guidance, we have made some temporary changes, for the period of lockdown, to the operation of school life which I have outlined below:

- Assemblies will be streamed in form rooms rather than held in the school hall.
- Recreational group activities (such as after school sport) has been cancelled.
- Communal prayer rooms are not available.

Whilst we have always enjoyed and valued the importance of bringing pupils together for such activities, the temporary suspension is unfortunately unavoidable. We will review practices on 3rd December.

Our Curriculum Enhancement workshops can continue to run Week 2, Thursdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm as they are classed as childcare provision. The workshop participants are consistent and in year group bubbles. For further information you may choose to view the guidance issued to schools [LINK](#) If you no longer wish for your child to attend this provision please contact Mrs Noreen t.noreen@keaston.bham.sch.uk

A further impact of the country's lockdown is the impact upon staffing. I am grateful for the staff's commitment to delivering high quality teaching during this challenging period however inevitably there will be staff required to work from home by Track and Trace or for shielding reasons. In the coming months all lessons will have a teacher present although in a small number of cases their regular subject teacher may be delivering the content online which will be streamed into the classroom. Please be reminded that all pupils can access their lesson's resources via Teams whether at home or in school to help with revision and relearning.

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The importance of your child wearing their mask, using hand sanitiser and maintaining a social distance where possible must be stressed. Please repeat these messages at home as we do in school.

Finally, in order to continue the smooth running of the school there are some interim changes to the leadership team. Existing Senior Leaders will be collectively assuming increased responsibilities and I will be working with the Academy Trust as the Acting Head for the remainder of this term.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a safe and restful weekend.

Yours

Sarah Lewsey

Acting Headteacher

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