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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Well done again to our students on completing another week of online teaching and learning, and thank you again to parents, for all your support.

In this time when positive news stories are rare, it has been enormously encouraging to see another week with high levels of positive engagement in live online classes from our students. This response from our students speaks volumes in confirming that this is the best way to keep CBS The Green alive and regular as possible during this period of school closure.

We continue to request that students maintain this high engagement as much as possible. Please do continue to support them in this. Parental support is always so valuable, and even more so at this time. Almost all students are attending classes, but some students are reporting that they are finding it difficult to maintain their focus. There is no easy way to tackle this, but if they try to be aware of what may be causing the distractions, such as second devices, noises, too many or too few breaks. Being aware of what is causing an issue will help to take steps to alleviate it.

Similarly, please support your son's learning by encouraging his participation in classes. Teachers are finding that some students are reluctant to talk or answer questions in their online class. This may be due to issues with their mic on the device or feeling self-conscious. Teachers appreciate students' contributions and find them helpful to inform their teaching. In school, students are very willing to participate and to answer and ask questions, so please do encourage them to do the same from home.

Many of our lives are quite tense at present, whether we are a student, a teacher, a staff member, a parent or a family member. Included with this letter, you will find some suggestions on maintaining positive wellbeing. Your son's PE, SPHE and CSPE teachers have been encouraging students to exercise and unwind and have shared tips on Teams which your son can avail of.

The period of online teaching and learning has been extended, and we await further clarification from the Department of Education. As soon as we have more definite information, we will be in contact with that and with plans for students in 3rd & 6th year, whose mock examinations scheduled for next week have been deferred.

I hope that you and your families and loved ones remain well.

Yours sincerely,

Principal