

*Our Reference: KHD/SB**

1st May 2020

Dear Families,

As we have been closed for the majority of students since the first lockdown was announced just over six weeks ago, I am delighted that we have managed to make contact with almost every student in the school. I know that staff have really enjoyed catching up with the students these past couple of weeks and we are so pleased that the vast majority of students are coping well with the remote learning programme.

The concerns we all have about our own and other's health coupled with the continuing uncertainty about the future means that we are very aware that, as the weeks pass, there may be new issues that arise. With this in mind, Ms Finan has provided the attached timely tips for wellbeing as we know that, whilst most students have adjusted to the current 'normal', there will be many who may be feeling more anxious and need our support more than usual. There are a small number of staff here on a rota each day and the rest are working from home so please do not hesitate to contact us should you need to.

I am really pleased to provide an update on the production of the PPE visors that I mentioned last week. Mr Robinson, assisted by Ms Finan, has produced over 1000 visors, some of which have already been delivered to St Helier Hospital, the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability in Putney and the rest will go to St George's Hospital or be distributed by Helpful Engineering UK.

We are also delighted to be launching the Raynes Park Community Box scheme through our contacts at [BECSLink](#). We will be working with [Rackets Cubed](#) who, alongside the [Tim Henman Foundation](#), have arranged for [Dons Local Action Group](#) (AFC Wimbledon Fans) and [Fare Share](#) to deliver food to us every week. This food will be divided into boxes for our most in need families to collect; 75 next week and then 150 each following week. We are delighted that we will be the first secondary school to participate in this scheme.

Wishing you all my very best and hope you are managing to stay safe.

Kind regards,

K. Heard

Mrs K Heard
Headteacher