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Dear Parents / Carers,

On behalf of all of the staff at Maplewell, I would like to say thank you for supporting your child/(ren) with their remote learning, during these challenging times. Overall, the engagement with remote learning has been a positive one this half-term, with in excess of 80% of students taking part with our blended learning programme.

There have been a number of challenges that we have faced and will continue to face, where remote learning is concerned. It has been very effective, but I recognise that there are significant demands placed on you, especially a great deal of time and support you have spent in keeping your child/(ren) engaged in their learning. You have managed to make their experience as positive as it can be during the current national lockdown. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Live lessons will be removed every half-term, in order that there is a fresh start afterwards. The schedule for live lessons after the February half term will be shared via Weduc and on the school website. All lessons will be conducted in line with our 'Home School Agreement, which I have included with this letter. Please take time to read it and discuss with your son or daughter.

The lateral flow testing of students, returning after Christmas, and staff, twice weekly, has been implemented with great success. It has become a regular fixture of the working week for staff. There have been a total of 791 tests carried out so far this term, with 3 positive tests. Our highly knowledgeable staff, who have all completed extensive training in order to offer such a service, deliver the process. Testing will continue for staff during the first week back. Currently there is no guidance as to whether students will be retested after the half-term break. If it does change we will be ready.



Thank you to everyone for being so understanding and engaging in our safe and well calls, which is a massive help to us. I understand the pressure that working and learning from home brings for all families and such calls can help us to help you.

**Safeguarding and student well-being**

If you have concerns about the safety of a child (including your own child), please call the School Office immediately on 01509 890237 or email: [dsf@maplewell.leics.sch.uk](mailto:dsf@maplewell.leics.sch.uk). For out of hours concerns contact Leicestershire First Response Duty Team on 0116 305 0005

You or your child might also find it useful to talk to one of these services:

Childline: 0800 1111

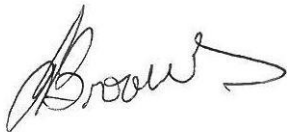
Safe Speak: 01332 349301

Samaritans: 116123

Get Safe Online <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

I would encourage students to take a well-earned rest from their learning during the break and I wholly advocate students pursuing their interests and taking regular physical exercise. Time spent in the garden and exercising can be so beneficial for all of us. I will be taking the opportunity to walk my energetic spaniel as much as I can next week.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Brooks', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason Brooks

Headteacher