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Dear Parents/Carers of pupils in Year 7-9,

This is one of two letters I have written; they are very similar but one contains content that is specific to Years 7-9, the other to Years 11/13.

As a parent myself of a child in Year 9, I can well imagine you are feeling a little neglected in what continue to be strange and difficult times for us all. I am aware, too, that I have not written to parents of Years 7-9 pupils for a while; this is simply because there is nothing new to report to you personally. Indeed, things have changed very little since lockdown began.

For your information, in terms of Year 10 and Year 12, plans are in place to re-open the school soon, and the relevant parents have been given the detail here.

For Years 7-9, you will know that remote teaching and learning continues and will do so for the remainder of this academic year. I am writing to parents of children in Key Stage 3 now for no other reason than to reassure you that you are not the 'forgotten few'. Nobody has any idea yet as to what teaching and learning will look like in schools come the start of the next academic year but all those leaders involved in education, from those in Government down to Heads of Year, are keen for your child not to miss out on their education.

Staff at NTS are certainly empathetic, not just with regard to the significant gap in the education that these young people have experienced but also in terms of the impact all this is having on their mental health. I can only imagine how difficult the last few months must have been for some children, especially those who thrive on social contact with their peers and on face-to-face interaction with their teachers.

We will of course update you if we are provided with further guidance or information but in the meantime, I wish you and you families well and hope you can keep safe as lockdown restrictions are relaxed.

You will receive information about your child's end-of-year report in separate correspondence.

Kind regards,

Mr D S Northwood
Headmaster