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Dear Parents

This has been an extraordinary week. It will have been different for each and every one of us and there will naturally be a period of adjustment. We will try to be mindful of this as we move forward.

The school would like to gain a picture, from students and parents, of your experience of learning at home. We know that there will have been some hiccups: these may have occurred for a wide range of reasons, including broadband variation and student or staff illness, but we would value your feedback. Please complete a short survey using the link [here](#). Students should continue to use Google Classroom: please ensure that your daughter has registered for all her class groups.

The school has also received many queries regarding summer examinations for Years 7, 8, 10 & 12. There is currently no clarity as to when schools will be able to re-open so I want to be clear that we will not be running summer examinations in the usual form. Teachers may well want to set assessments within lessons when school does finally re-open but this should not be a source of anxiety at this time. The main purpose of any assessments would be to assist teaching staff with planning for future lessons.

Please remember to focus as a family on what is manageable and purposeful every day, building in ample time for breaks, exercise and other pursuits. We have attached some #Stayathome Cultural Capital free activities and links which can be enjoyed together, to add some breadth of experience and benefit during this time at home.

We know students will be keeping in touch electronically. We would encourage you to be aware of age requirements for any apps that your daughter is using and ensure that she is using them safely and appropriately. The group video app 'HouseParty', has become very popular but does raise some concerns, see link [here](#). You can find further advice about online safety from the NSPCC [here](#).

Now that the churches have closed you may want to be aware of sites that will support your faith such as <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>. The Coloma Catholic Life Newsletter will also be a source of many ideas and please check out your parish website for more information.

The home page of the school website now has the main twitter feed for the school, @ColomaCGS running in place of the News Section. The school website page dedicated to family well-being is at <https://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk/family-well-being/>. This will continue to give thoughts, ideas and pictures. We are also setting up a new tab at the front of the website which will collect together, for easy access, all the information sent out during this period.

We know that individual circumstances are different for everyone within the Coloma community so we are grateful for all the continuing acts of great kindness. We offer our thoughts and prayers for everyone who is affected in any way at this time, both within the Coloma Community and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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