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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. As we start the final half term of the year, I want to update you on the distance learning package that we are providing for our students.

In response to your feedback, we will increase the number of 'live lessons' we offer as we know that they engage students and help to keep them on track. In order that everyone gets the maximum benefit from these learning opportunities, we have developed a student code of conduct for live lessons which is attached to this email.

We realise that managing your child's learning at home can be challenging. With this in mind, we have set up a new 'distance learning' section on our website where we have brought together some essential information to help you to get the most out of our provision.

On the website you can now find the distance learning timetables for each year group, useful contacts, guides to the learning platforms that we use as well as a link to a weekly assembly to motivate students in these challenging times. Please take the time to have a look at this useful new resource.

<https://www.sharplesschool.co.uk/distance-learning/>

In the coming weeks we will continue to provide supervision for the children of key workers, as specified in government guidance. If you are a key worker and do require our support, please do not hesitate to contact us at office@sharplesschool.co.uk.

In addition, we will be putting in place an offer of face to face support for small groups of Year 10 students from 15 June, subject to further government guidance. I will write to the parents/carers of Year 10 students in the coming days to outline our plans in more detail.

Finally, we believe that by working in partnership and by communicating effectively we will enable our students to continue to excel in these uncertain times.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support or guidance with any aspect of your child's learning.

We are always happy to help.

Take care and stay safe.

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