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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since we started remote learning we have prioritised the delivery of lessons. Your feedback has identified how important the contact with teachers has been and the structure the lessons give to the day. We have been mindful of the pressures on families and our young people and we know we are asking pupils to work in a very different way. We appreciate pupils are spending a long time on screens. As we review your comments and those of pupils and teachers, we are looking to address your concerns around:

- the place of homework and independent learning
- pupil engagement as opposed to attendance
- the amount of screen time
- gaps in learning

Senior leaders are visiting lessons, just as they do in school. It is so encouraging to see the engagement and enthusiasm of pupils and the calm, clear and caring way in which teachers are leading learning. There has been much resilience developed. Whilst nothing brings the benefits of having children in school being taught by their teacher, it is clear real progress is being made. Relationships are being maintained and school continues. We will work to address your areas of concern. They are shared by staff throughout the school.

I am enclosing a letter from Amanda Hatton – Director of People at CYC, Sharon Stoltz – Director of Public Health and Wendy Watts – consultant paediatrician at York Hospital. The letter gives advice on your child's health during the pandemic. Cases of COVID 19 are continuing to fall in York. This is due to the efforts of the whole community and following guidance around the Hands, Face and Space message. It remains as important as ever that we support each other by ensuring we keep contact to an absolute minimum.

There is continuing speculation around when school will return following decisions made by the Scottish and Welsh governments for return of some pupils to school after half term. As I have shared with you in the past, schools get no prior knowledge of government decisions. We are still expecting to remain closed for all but vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers until March 8. We will be ready to either continue remote learning or welcome pupils back after that date dependent on the government's decision.

I hope you and your family remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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