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Dear Parent/Carer

Parental Update

This isn't the weekly update but just a brief letter to highlight a couple of important messages.

Online Learning

There will be no live lessons on Thursday from lunchtime onwards as staff will be involved in the Year 8 online Parents' Evening.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

On Thursday afternoon, Year 8 will have their online Parents' Evening. All parents should have received information about this and made their appropriate bookings online. If you have any questions or issues, then please contact Miss Warburton who is leading on the process.

Welfare Calls

Towards the end of this week, we will start our welfare calls. Every student will receive a short call from a member of staff to look at:

- How they are coping?
- How their online learning is going?
- If they need any additional support?

Most of these calls will be audio calls over TEAMs to the students. Though of course students can take these calls on a laptop, computer (with mic) or tablet, it would be very helpful if all students could download the TEAMs app (for free) on their mobile phones. These calls will take place weekly.

Hardship

The current pandemic is making life harder for many people, and we are aware many families may now be struggling to make ends meet. If you or your family are having financial difficulties, please contact the school. We have access to external and internal funding that is provided specifically to support families at this time. Your call will be dealt with in confidence.

Kev Workers

Please note that the government guidance has now changed with regards to key worker children. In light of the increasing rates of infection the government are stressing that key workers "should keep their children at home if they can" and therefore only send them into school if absolutely necessary. All key worker places must be pre-booked by email though peeti@delasalleschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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