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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this update finds you and your family safe and well. This week has seen Year 6 pupils return in a safe and orderly manner to join pupils who have been in school since March. We have also been working hard to reach out to families across all year groups. We are here to support so please continue to use the covid@emmanuel.dorset.sch.uk email for any home learning assistance. The pupils are also engaging with staff on Google Classroom which is great.

For some pupils they will only have five pieces of work left to complete for some of our foundation subjects. Having looked at some of the French, RE, History and Geography work as examples, some of the work submitted has been to a high standard. I would like our key stage 3 pupils to make a real effort to hand work in as we have noticed a drop. I completely understand the predicament families and pupils find themselves in regarding being away from school for so long. However, September is far away, and I hope you make every effort to complete as much work as possible in the circumstances.

Mr Rangdale and Mrs Weir, with their respective teams, are working tirelessly to make transition as smooth as possible for pupils entering and leaving EMS. The communication between schools is working effectively through Zoom and Google hangout meetings! For those moving up a year within school, you are in our thoughts too. Mr Timmins is building our timetable and Mr Barker working on our teaching and learning strategy for next year. The summer term is always a busy time and we are working as normal on all these tasks, which is both exciting and refreshing. We are also taking the opportunity to work on the school site and environment.

As is the norm currently, there is daily speculation about schools in the media. We keep pace with this and as it stands, and we receive this information at the same time as you. When concrete developments are made, we will continue to communicate with you in a timely fashion. This week the focus has been on potential changes to 2m social distancing and summer school provision. At this stage there is nothing to report.

The weather is set to improve from today and that will hopefully lift spirits. In the meantime, look after yourselves, maintain healthy routines and support home learning.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Rob Christopher
Headteacher