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Dear Year 6 Student,

We find ourselves in a very unusual set of circumstances and I realise you may be worried about your move into Year 7 at Warlingham School & Sixth Form College. I am also aware from your Year 6 teachers and Headteachers that some of you are worrying about the learning you are missing because you're not at school. I am writing to you to reassure you. We are all in this together and we are all finding our way through it.

Please don't worry about the learning you may be missing whilst you are not in your school. The most important thing is that you are well and happy, so we can get on with the learning quickly and positively when this is all over and we are all back at school.

We know we will have to adapt our Year 7 learning plans so that any learning that might have been missed in Year 6 is addressed. To help with this, we will be talking to your Year 6 teachers to find out where they got to in the Year 6 curriculum before your school closed. We will also find out about each of you as individuals. In addition, we're already thinking about what else we can do to make our transition arrangements as useful as possible, so that you will have a confident start at Warlingham.

There are some things that we think you could spend time doing, which will help you:

- ✓ Make the most of whatever learning activities are available from your primary school. We know different schools are offering different things – please try not to compare yours with what your friend might have in a different school – they are all useful experiences to keep you thinking and learning.
- ✓ Read lots of books about lots of different subjects to increase your general knowledge.
- ✓ Practise your times tables.
- ✓ Practise your maths computation skills (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).
- ✓ If you're doing anything online – remember to keep to the usual online safety rules.
- ✓ Do some exercise every day. We know lots of you are enjoying working out with Joe Wicks!
- ✓ Make time to relax – this is important for your wellbeing.

Every single Year 6 child in the country is in the same position as you and my promise to you is that all the staff at Warlingham will work together with you, your parents/carers and your primary school to ensure your start to Year 7 is as exciting and positive as it can be!

We'll be in touch soon with more information!

With very best wishes

Mr Paul Kinder
Joint Head of School