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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. One more week of 'Lockdown' has gone by and we continue to get feedback from our Putteridge community. My thoughts remain with those that have lost loved ones and those who are unwell, whether it be related to Covid 19 or not. It is clear now that the impact of this virus is more far reaching than the impact of infection itself.

I have received a significant amount of positive feedback from parents describing how impressed they have been with the work and support from Putteridge staff. It feels like a good opportunity to sincerely thank all the staff of Putteridge, both teaching and support, for their immense dedication and professionalism throughout this difficult time, not forgetting that many have young families to cope with at the same time.

Home schooling is a real challenge, as I write this my two 7 year olds are having a break. I definitely appreciate every parent who is going through this experience and would ask you to take regular breaks and know when to step back and take some deep breaths! Thank you for adapting to the new home learning format so quickly, if you need to change it further due to family circumstances, then of course that's fine. What we do ask is that the Wednesday and Friday deadlines are met each week. If your child is in Year 10 and is struggling to complete work set, please email Mrs Line hline@putteridgehigh.org so we can see if we can provide extra support in the run-up to Year 11. In terms of Year 11, a further communication will come out to you next week regarding how grades will be awarded.

Everyone is asking when the school will reopen for the majority of children. I am afraid I know little more than you. What is clear is that the lockdown is having a positive effect on limiting the spread and when advice changes we will be delighted to be back at school. I believe it is likely that the transition to open fully will be in stages and although this might be frustrating, if it means greater safety for all, then I am in favour.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again. Everyone is being stretched and challenged in very strange times. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. We really will appreciate things so much more going forward.

Yours faithfully

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