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Dear Parents & Carers

Please accept our gratitude for your resilience and patience in supporting remote learning during this period of partial school closure. We know it is not easy to juggle all of the competing demands on your time and we are all looking forward to a time when we can get back to some kind of normal school life. We are also acutely aware that many of you have suffered illness and bereavement in your families and our sympathy goes out to you and your loved ones.

To help you meet the challenge of home schooling, we hope you find the **attached leaflet** useful. This can also be found on our website alongside other help and guidance go to www.shirebrookacademy.org and go to the Remote Education drop down.

We are learning about this new way of working all the time and are keen to hear your views so that we can improve the experience of our young people. **Please complete the survey** which can also be found on the remote drop down to give us your views.

Accessing learning online is crucial to the success of our learners and in order to ensure that online platforms are used by all safely and responsibly, we ask for your support in completing the **'Remote Learning Parent and Student Agreements'** which can be accessed on our homepage or via the link, <https://forms.gle/oK1bTBSDkxbBMTq86>. It is important that this agreement is viewed and signed so please discuss this with your child and aim to submit by **Friday 5th February**.

The behaviour of our students online has been impeccable and the majority of our students are making the most of every learning opportunity. In order to support positive behaviour choices and for students to have greater awareness of the consequences should any inappropriate or disruptive behaviour take place, we have enclosed a copy of our student section of the **'Behaviour Policy Remote Education Addendum'**.

This section shows the consequences should behaviour online disrupt learning and teaching. We would appreciate you taking the time to read this student section with your child and for your support in reinforcing the importance of the responsible and respectful use of online platforms, enabling everyone to learn.

At Shirebrook Academy we highlight the positive and reinforce the excellent and praise and reward continues to be a key focus for us. The enclosed behaviour addendum is used alongside our praise and reward procedures and our first step in educating our young people about appropriate and acceptable behaviour is to shine a light on the good. Our students have responded to challenges in unprecedented times in remarkable ways and we will continue to reward them for their efforts. We are exceptionally proud of all of our students.

Best Wishes

Mark Cottingham

Principal, Shirebrook Academy

