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Dear Parent/Carer

**ImpactEd COVID Research Project**

As students begin to return to school in greater numbers from September, we are keen to understand the impact of this challenging period, and also to understand how students are feeling and responding to the present situation so that we can provide the support they need.

To assist this, we will be sending out a survey to students from 3 September 2020, covering areas such as their engagement with learning during this period and their broader wellbeing. Most students will complete this at school. However should your child need to complete at home, we would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to do so, as it will be tremendously helpful for ensuring that we can provide the best support for your child as possible.

We will be working with a non-profit organisation, ImpactEd, to conduct these surveys. They will be helping us to send these out and act on the findings. Anonymised results from the surveys will also be shared with ImpactEd as part of a national project they are running on the educational impact of Covid-19. Your child will not be identifiable in any of these responses and all processes are strictly GDPR compliant.

If you have any questions about this process or want to know how you can support, please get in touch directly with [hello@impacted.org.uk](mailto:hello@impacted.org.uk).

Survey data collected as part of the project will be visible to teachers, but results will only be followed up if there are individual welfare concerns. You should encourage your child to respond as honestly as possible as they will not be judged by their responses.

Responses collected will be shared anonymously as part of a national research project run by ImpactEd on the impact of partial school closures, involving a number of schools and colleges across the country. ImpactEd will not be able to access student names or any personal or identifying information about individuals. All data collected will be deleted within 12 months of the end-date of the final surveys, which we expect to be conducted in October 2020. You can access ImpactEd's privacy policy from their website - [www.impacted.org.uk](http://www.impacted.org.uk) - or use the contact details there if you would like to request any further information about the project.

Yours faithfully,

**Cara Ackroyd**  
**Principal**