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Dear S2 pupils,

I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones well. We may not have seen one another for several weeks, but we are thinking of you and your families, and look forward to a time when we are together again.

Firstly, I want to thank you for all your efforts in learning at home. I know this isn't an easy task – I have been working from home, and I know that the distractions and responsibilities that are all around make learning difficult! At the same time, we are all anxious about what is going on in the wider world. I commend you for your efforts so far.

It is important to recognise that we must push on with your education. This means engaging with teachers online. I know that this isn't the same as being in school. I know, too, that not all tasks will be simple to engage with by yourself. There are two really important things you must do to help yourself stay engaged:

1. Take responsibility for being stuck. If you are stuck, contact us – your teacher, your Guidance teacher or me. Tell us what we can do to help. You are not alone in having technical problems and being stuck on a particular task! Message your classmates and ask. Don't sit on the problem – a problem shared is a problem halved.
2. Be kind to yourself. If you can't get everything done, this is ok, as long as you are telling us about it. Don't be hard on yourself, but take action to fix it – this is the best way to feel better about such things!

You may be wondering what your next steps are – you are due to move into S3 at the end of May. We are moving S3, S4 and S5 up into their next year's learning in order to start preparing for next year's exams. Things are slightly different for you. Over the next couple of weeks, we will ask teachers to ensure that your S2 work is completed. We will look at the best way of enabling you to continue in your chosen subjects for S3. There should be plenty of work available over the next few weeks until this point.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or think of anything that will help you – and more than anything, please ensure you keep yourself safe and help your families through this challenging time! I look forward to boring you all at an assembly again on day soon (PS I haven't forgotten, 2D, it's your turn next!)

We have collated answers to the most common questions we have been asked recently, which we hope that you will find useful. We will continue to update our school website at <http://www.bearsdenacademy.e-dunbarton.sch.uk/> and will also continue to use our twitter account [@BearsdenAcademy](https://twitter.com/BearsdenAcademy) as well as individual department accounts. As well as other updates, the school website contains links and advice on Digital Learning Resources, which can be used for study across all subjects.

Yours Sincerely,

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