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Dear Parent and Carers,

We are all immensely proud of our students for embracing and engaging with remote learning. We are also grateful to parents, carers and extended family members for supporting students and creating space in their busy family homes to allow children to take part in all their lessons. We appreciate this may not always be easy, especially if you have more than one child studying at home or you are juggling the needs of your family with your own work.

To help, we have allocated laptops as they have become available to us and we are working hard to ensure that all students have access to the internet. If you need any support accessing the internet, or you are struggling with your data allowance to allow your child to take part in online lessons, then please get in touch with us as we may be able to help.

We also appreciate that sometimes lessons may require students to have practical resources to hand such as pens and paper. If you find you need any support for your child please contact the office by phone or by emailing info@airedaleacademy.com. If you can let us know of any difficulties then we can see if there is a way we can help and support.

Finally, if we have made a laptop available to a member of your family so that they can take part in online lessons, **please can we ask that you discuss taking care of the laptop with your child**. We have had a significant number of devices which have been accidentally damaged over the last two weeks. If a laptop is damaged then we have to return it to the DfE (Department for Education). They are currently charging £208.29 to repair a laptop where the repair is not covered by the manufacturer's warranty. This cost would then have to be passed on to the family. I am sure you will agree that all of us would like to avoid paying this amount of money so please encourage your child, and any younger brothers and sisters, to look after the laptop, Please put it away when it is not in use and avoid walking around with it.

If you have any questions or need any support please let us know.

Yours faithfully

Miss L Proctor
Principal