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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well!

I wanted to thank you all for taking the time to fill in the parent survey that we sent out last week - the feedback really is invaluable to us and will help us map out the next few weeks of remote learning - we then remain hopeful that we will start to be able to shift back to some kind of normality in terms of the education we can provide. We are all keeping our fingers tightly crossed that this will be the case.

I wanted to write to you about two main ideas this week so will number them for ease of reference.

1. Parent Control of iPads

We have been given access to pilot an incredibly useful app so that parents can take more control of iPad use of an evening. Unfortunately you will only be able to access this control app on an apple device (I know that not everyone has one but hopefully enough of you do to enable us to get some useful feedback). The process is outlined in the PDF attached but I have also included the link below which will show a really useful video guide on how to use it. In essence the app, once paired with your child/children's devices will allow you to control what that can access between the hours of 5pm and 8am and on weekends at the moment. I am working with IT services to see if we can also include school holidays in this and will update you as I have news. Some of you will not be interested in this as you will have your own strategies for dealing with iPad use (in my house they go on top of the clock at a set time and then get put on charge downstairs before bed time), but I know that many parents have spoken to us about the battles they face with evening use of devices, so hopefully this is something you will find useful. If you have any problems with this, please don't contact the academy office, but instead contact the IT service desk as you do with all other iPad related queries.

https://docs.jamf.com/jamf-parent/guide-for-parents/Getting_Started_with_Jamf_Parent.html

2. An optional offer of some extra-curricular fun

A few families have mentioned that they would like some additional stuff to do whilst in lockdown, and we understand the limitations of screen based remote learning as well as the benefits of it. Off the back of this we will be sending out an activity suggestion sheet which will run for the last week of term and through half term. On there you will find lots of different ideas of activities that might keep you busy. They will all be based on the theme of 'Bristol' - and there is absolutely no pressure to take part- it is being offered as an option if you would like to join in. Your child's teacher will create a channel in your team over the coming week where you can upload any photos of creations that you'd like to share and I'm sure they will build in an opportunity to share these as a year group after

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half term. To clarify - there is no pressure to get involved, but it will hopefully be welcomed by the families who mentioned it. The ideas sheet will be sent out tomorrow! Look out for your 'extra-curricular theme' channel apparent in your TEAM soon.

I look forward to giving out lots more certificates in celebration assembly tomorrow, and wish you all a lovely weekend when it finally arrives.

Sending love to you all. Stay safe!

Clare