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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach what will be almost a full year of disruption not only to education but all aspects of our lives, we wanted to write to families from the AAC and reflect with you on what might emerge as one of the positives to come out of the pandemic – the strengthened relationship with our families.

When the AAC was set-up, we wanted to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to be more involved in their child's education as well as support and advise the college. Nobody could have envisaged back then the extent to which the nation would be asking parents/carers to involve themselves in their child's learning.

Mums, dads, carers, aunties, uncles, grandparents and extended family have all had to find ways of becoming home-educators, subject-specialists, counsellors, and – possibly most challenging of all – IT support. What you are doing is remarkable: changing kitchen tables into classrooms, supporting youngsters in their pursuit of qualifications and dealing with teenage frustrations that undoubtedly rise to the surface from time-to-time.

We want to thank you for all you are doing – and let you know how much your support for the college has been appreciated by teachers and leaders.

Although we say schools have 'closed', we all know they have continued to operate for priority groups and online for those at home. This 'digital revolution' was somewhat unplanned so it is important no-one is left behind. We would take this opportunity to urge anyone struggling with IT at home to contact the college for support – lockdown or not.

Finally, don't believe what you might read in the papers. Our children have a bright future ahead of them despite this past year. Everyone in the college is absolutely committed to pulling out all the stops to give our young people the very best – and with your support we know they will go on to achieve great things.

Thank you for all you are doing – keep up the fantastic work!

Yours sincerely,

Rye College AAC