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Parents and Carers;

Another week of remote learning draws to a close.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time for everybody.

I have previously sent out details about schedules and programs. Everything I have sent out is also available in the 'Newsletter' and/or 'Bulletins' section on the school website: <http://www.rutherglenhs.vic.edu.au/>

I have asked the front office staff to make contact with families and ask the following:

- How is remote learning going?
- Are students logging in to each session?
- Are students contacting teachers if they need to?
- Is there anything you need assistance with?

At times we need to invite the parent and student to come in so we can update laptops etc. but in many cases we have been able to re-set passwords or provide clarification over the phone.

We are still here for you and the students. Please contact us if there is an issue.

A number of families have told us they feel there is too much work, or maybe not enough work. My advice is to communicate directly with the class teacher, preferably by email. In doing so, remember that in a secondary school, on average each teacher takes about 100 students so they may not be able to reply straight away.

Students need to be completing and submitting work. We will be sending out progress/interim reports in week 5 so teachers must receive student work and have a chance to assess it and provide feedback. **Please ask your children about due dates.**

In many ways the learning side is settling down. I will be asking Year Level coordinators and members of our Wellbeing team to again make contact with all families early next week. If there are wellbeing, welfare or mental health issues, please talk to someone and seek support either through the School or other health providers.

We have a *GP's in schools program*, a school nurse and social workers/counsellors who are available to assist. Again, please contact us if there is an issue.

Access to technology and internet is still an issue for many around the state. The government has now provided me with a limited number of laptops which I am loaning to families with priority given to Year 11 and 12 students. I have also loaned the one internet dongle I have been provided with.

I have a list of names from a previous survey but if you have not lodged your name to go on a waiting list for technology assistance, please email your details to rutherglenhs@edumail.vic.gov.au

My understanding is that I will receive further devices next week and will make them available once they are imaged and set up correctly.

Again, thank you for your understanding and support.

Regards

Phil Rogers

Principal