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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well in these very difficult times.

As you know your son/daughter was due to take part in work experience in March but unfortunately, due to the circumstances we all find ourselves in due to COVID-19, we have taken the decision to cancel this. As I'm sure you can appreciate, this has not been an easy decision; we really do feel that work experience is so valuable for our students but their health and safety has to be our foremost priority.

Some of our students had arranged their own work experience placements, which was fantastic. Unfortunately, we now need students to get in touch with these employers to let them know work experience has been cancelled. We ask that students pass on our sincere thanks to the companies for offering the opportunity.

To compensate for what students will miss by not being able to physically access work places in March, over the next few weeks there will be several virtual work experience opportunities shared with students via Go4schools. These will be optional for students but we highly recommend that they take part in at least one. Students will need to apply for these places online following the details that I will share. The virtual opportunities that are out there for students at the moment are very good so I would encourage students to take advantage of these.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

*J Collins*

Mrs Collins  
Vice Principal