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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your household is well and you are managing to adapt to the difficult times we are all facing.

Staff at Outwood Academy Portland have tried their best to respond to ever-changing situations and guidance, which I know has sometimes made it difficult for you at home, so I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding. I would especially like to thank all the families who have sent in their thanks for what we have managed to do; it really does make a difference to teachers to know how much you value their efforts.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for ensuring that all the students who are self-isolating due to COVID-19 are accessing the work on Google Classroom. It is great to see students joining in and contributing to the live lessons from home.

In an attempt to improve the quality of education further, we have identified a few small changes to students' timetables that will; reduce the amount of movement around the academy, reduce the size of our tracked bubbles and increase the amount of time students have with their teachers. This has been achieved by moving lessons to create more double lessons and following a 2-week timetable.

This has been explained to all students, but I wanted to take the opportunity to contact you directly and assure you that students will still receive the same number of lessons and will not miss out in any way.

This new timetable will start from Monday, 16th November, 2020.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Dzoboku
Principal

