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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share details of our new recognition system that we are launching today. We are calling this system Recognising Effort and Learning, or REAL.

As you know, when we are usually in school, teachers and support staff award recognition points to students who go above and beyond in their efforts. During this difficult time, we know that some students are continuing to work extremely hard, be very helpful around the home, are coping admirably or are even helping others. We would like to recognise the students who are continuing to demonstrate our learning qualities, even in these most challenging circumstances. We would like to do this by asking you, as their parents and carers, to nominate them for a recognition certificate that we will create and present to the students by emailed pdf and then in a recognition assembly when we eventually return to school.

We would like the nominations that children receive to be meaningful and to reflect a sustained effort or attitude. This means that there should be only one nomination per student. In order to nominate your child, please complete the short Microsoft Form linked below, to indicate which learning quality you would like your child recognised for and why. Below is a list of the qualities to choose from. Our learning qualities cover a wide selection of attributes and we encourage you to nominate your child or children in the area you feel they have excelled in. Due to the wording of the certificate, please start your citation with "For. . ."

In order to support you with this important task, we have written some examples from feedback we have recently heard from our learners and their parents. You may find these helpful to reflect upon where your child's successes best fit. Please note that some behaviours, actions and attitudes fit into multiple categories so simply pick the one you think it fits the best.

Respect – be courteous, considerate and caring of ourselves, each other and the environment.

Example: For always responding positively when asked to help at home.

Act with Integrity – morally centred actions and honesty.

Examples: For helping our elderly neighbour by completing some errands for her, and for making her an NHS rainbow poster.

Courage in Learning – be independent and resilient.

Example: For keeping to the schedule of learning despite it being difficult to learn online and without a teacher.

Ambition - respond positively to challenge, be motivated and seek improvement.

Example: For continuing to practise piano over the last 4 weeks and actively participating in online piano lessons.

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Responsibility – take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

Example: For making dinner for the whole family every week since lockdown started.

Diligence – be hard working, committed and organised.

Example: For making excellent progress in maths, including submitting work to a teacher and completing extension work over 2 weeks.

Leadership – take initiative to positively guide and direct others.

Example: For helping with younger siblings when both parents were working online, including maturity in dealing with a difficult situation.

Here is the link to our online form where you can fill in your details and those of your child, as well as write your citation: <https://tinyurl.com/TCS-REAL2020>

We are looking forward to emailing certificates to students with your citations around half term, so please note the closing date for completing the online form is **Monday 18th May**.

Yours sincerely,

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