**VIRTUAL SCHOOL AND COLLEGE UPDATE FOR CARERS 2nd June 2020**

Morning,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying this wonderful sunshine.

By now, you should have been contacted to give your views for a PEP document for your young person. If you have any comments or queries around these the contacts are:

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Whilst there is a general phased return to schools across Tameside and the country, as has always been the case, Looked After Children have a school place for whenever you are ready for them to return.

I am sending you the below information and link for anyone who think their young person may be interested:

*GMCA, alongside cultural, voluntary and health partners have been working on creative care packs for young people aged 13-20 experiencing digital exclusion during lockdown. The first pack will be ready to go out on 5th June, and is made up of creative activities and related resources, information about contributors, and details of mental health support. Whilst the first pack will focus on resilience, well-being and self-care; the second pack (scheduled for mid-July) will help young people to reflect on the changes that have taken place, and to think about the future they want to see and make happen. They have c.22,000 packs and priority groups include: young people from low income families, care leavers, young carers and those experiencing mental health difficulties. The main criteria being 13-20 years old with limited, or no digital access. GMCA will also make the pack available online, as they’d love for it to reach as many young people as possible.*

*For more information, please see this press release*: <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/news/cultural-sector-in-greater-manchester-comes-together-to-help-young-people/>

As ever, if you have any queries around education, please contact any of us on the team via email or by phone: 0161 342 4057.

Best wishes,

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