

11th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

In response to the latest government guidance school will remain closed except for the children of key workers and vulnerable students. Unfortunately, we are unable to tell you when secondary pupils will return to school, though it was mentioned in last night's address by the Prime Minister that it is hoped that secondary pupils sitting exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the summer holidays.

During these unprecedented times we wanted to let you know how much we are missing our students and that we think of them every day. We have put together this video to inspire all students to continue with their distance learning and feel motivated to remain positive and continue to be the best they can be. The video can be found on our [Website](#).

Staff will continue to set work on SMHW; and we would like to thank you for your continued support and your feedback. We appreciate that every family's day may look different but we ask that you do continue to encourage your child/children to have a planned structure that includes study time (in accordance with the Distance Learning Expectations Document we send you last week), exercise and social interaction.

We have been working with many parents/carers to ensure that students have access to SMHW. Please be advised that children who are continually failing to engage with the distance learning set will receive phone calls from teachers and pastoral staff. However, if this is as a result of you still experiencing difficulty accessing SMHW at home, please contact Mr Mir (mirr@mayfieldschool.net).

We are making good progress with the process of allocating and ranking grades for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Following guidance from the Government, we are not permitted to discuss or share these grades and rankings with students or parents and so politely remind you not to contact teachers asking about the grades.

We are still awaiting further detail regarding the arrangements for BTEC and Cambridge National qualifications. Any questions regarding this can be directed to Mr Pointon at pointonb@mayfieldschool.net

We are continuing to develop transition work for our current Year 11 students that will prepare them for their Sixth Form studies and will contact students directly with this information. Given the uncertainty of when Year 11 will commence their Sixth Form studies and outcomes of exam grading; if we offer the appropriate pathway/qualification, we would strongly encourage Year 11 students to continue their education at Mayfield Sixth Form. If you have any questions regarding entry to the Sixth Form please email Miss Sambhi (sambih@mayfieldschool.net)

In response to the Government's initiative of providing free laptops/tablets to students who either have a Social Worker or are in care, as well as disadvantaged students in Year 10 who do not have access to a device on which to complete their distance learning. We have placed an order with the local authority and will contact families directly when we have received these. We can confirm that Year 12 devices have been delivered and those students who have not yet collected their laptop should do so this week.

We have been working with many families regarding accessing the Free School Meal vouchers. If you experience any issues with this going forwards or have any questions please contact Mrs Adams adamsj@mayfieldschool.net or phone her on 07490776079 between the hours of 10.00 – 14.00 Monday to Friday.

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share a couple of key messages

- *“Stopping the spread of the coronavirus is everyone’s responsibility. Social distancing, washing hands and limiting time outside are all things we can do to protect ourselves and others. We also need to make sure our friends and family take this guidance seriously. The virus can live for 72 hours on metal and plastic surfaces. Taking exercise is important. Walking, jogging or cycling, while ensuring you are 2-metres away from others, is good, but meeting friends is not safe.*
- *“Coronavirus has affected hundreds of people in Redbridge. Sadly no one is safe from the virus. Even young, healthy people have died as a result of it. Please follow the guidelines, urge families and friends to do the same, and stay safe.”*

Please be reassured that we continue to be committed to working with and supporting you all and ask that you email key staff with any requests of support or concerns.

Yours sincerely.

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