

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you and your families care well and staying safe. I want to thank you all once again for supporting your son/daughter's education. We now know from the PM announcement on Sunday that this support will become even more important in the forthcoming weeks, as many students are unlikely to return to school before September. I want to share with you how we are planning to continue educating your son/daughter during this time. Obviously, these plans are liable to change based on any further government announcements and any changes to the health of staff etc. Please be assured that we will only increase the number of students and staff in school where it is safe to do so, and when appropriated risk assessments have been put in place.

We are continuing to deliver some live lessons online through Microsoft Teams. These lessons have been well attended and students are really enjoying the opportunity to see their peers and teachers. These lessons are being complimented by work set online, which is being marked and then feedback given to students. There are however, some students who are completing very little work. This is a real concern because we do not want students to get even further behind, as this will make it even more difficult for them from September. Please do let your son/daughter's subject teacher or Form Tutor know what we can do to assist in ensuring they are completing the work.

We continue to have approximately 30 students in school who are either the children of key workers or have been identified by the school as needing this facility. We are aware that there are some students during this time, who we may not have been previously aware of, who may be struggling with wellbeing and mental health issues. If you feel that you son/daughter is struggling in anyway and needs perhaps to attend school, please do contact their HOH.

Following on from the government's announcement, we are now planning to have limited numbers of Year 10 and Year 12 students in school on a rota basis, so they have some "face to face" support with teaching staff. We will send out further details on this once we have more clarity from the government and the LA.

Hopefully, we can all see some light at the end of the tunnel if we all continue to follow the guidance and I am looking forward to seeing your son/daughter at school soon. Very best wishes to you all.

Stay safe

Mrs C Horrocks
Principal

Contact from School

Faculty Leaders, Heads of House and Form Tutors will be contacting both students and parents over the coming weeks to "keep in touch". However, as they will mostly be using personal phones they will be using "caller ID withheld" or "blocked number" which we are sure you will understand. We are aware that such calls are often not answered but would be grateful if you could please bear with us and answer if you receive such a call.

Assessment

Over the weeks of the lockdown, we have worked hard to ensure that all our students can access and respond to the work their teachers are setting them through a range of different methods: work packs, Google Classroom, Go4Schools and email, and in the last couple of weeks, through live on-line lessons. Teachers are providing regular feedback to students in a variety of ways to ensure they can continue to make progress. We have been impressed by the way the majority of students have responded, however if your child is still

experiencing difficulties completing the work, please contact their subject teacher or form tutor so that we can help. Students will be completing some form of assessment before half-term in their different subject areas to help us to monitor their progress while they have been working remotely.

Safeguarding

Since arriving on the market in 1994, PlayStation has become one of the most recognised names in the gaming industry. Its current model, the PlayStation 4, is an all-in-one entertainment hub, offering much more than just the ability to game with internet access, streaming services and online chat features. National Online Safety have created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what the PlayStation 4 is all about ... click on the link to read the detail behind the main headings

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/hub/view/guide/ps4>

What parents need to know about PLAYSTATION 4

AGE RESTRICTION
GAME SPECIFIC PEGI RATING
See Individual Title Packaging

SAFETY CONCERNS
PlayStation users are able to chat with other players online and sending them a friend request. If accepted they can chat openly from the console's dashboard, including when chatting in a private party. If parents have a concern, this can be closed from the chat settings menu. It can be changed to prevent chat with others, but, ideally, it's always preferable to be accepted as a friend, this then doesn't restrict them.

ACCESS TO PERSONAL INFORMATION
The PlayStation Network (PSN) ID is essential to create an online profile. The PSN ID is essential to create an account and will create a new online identity. It is essential to be able to create an account and will create a new online identity. It is essential to be able to create an account and will create a new online identity.

ONLINE BULLYING
Sometimes in an online game, players will be able to chat with each other. While these interactions can be positive and helpful, having fun in a game, some people will take the opportunity to use abusive language or say hurtful things to other players. In some cases, it can be a form of cyberbullying.

ADULT CONTENT IN GAMES
The PlayStation offers a huge variety of different games, with different age ratings. Some games contain violence, strong language, sexual themes and more. In fact, they all have a PEGI rating. When considering a purchase, all games contain an adult content or language rating. It's important to check the rating on the game box, or on the website page before you buy. Remember that these ratings are for a guide, and the information that these ratings provide is not always up to date. It's always best to check with parents, to know what is appropriate for their children.

SCREEN ADDICTION
The PS4 can provide hours of entertainment. As well as being an avenue to play games, it provides the ability to watch TV, listen to music, and play many other services such as YouTube, Facebook, and more. It's important to be aware of the amount of time that your child spends playing games, particularly leading to gaming addiction.

Safety Tips for Parents & Carers

CREATE CHILD FAMILY MEMBER ACCOUNTS
The PS4 allows parents to set up different accounts for different family members, including children. The child will have their own account and can play games, but will not have the ability to set up new accounts, or to share game files. This means that parents can control what their child can do on the PS4, and the ability to access the internet.

DISCUSS PSN RISKS WITH YOUR CHILD
It's always a good idea to discuss with your child how to stay safe on the PlayStation Network and how to report any issues. They should know that if they have any concerns, they should report them to the relevant authorities. It's also important to discuss with your child how to stay safe on the PS4, and how to report any issues.

SET MONTHLY SPENDING LIMITS
It's a good idea to set a limit on how much you can spend on things like new games, or the skins or card packs in games like Fortnite and FIFA. This can be done using your own family account and then setting your child's account. Go to Applications > Settings > Family Management > Spending Limit and adjust it as you see fit.

IMPLEMENT PRIVACY CONTROLS
Sometimes it's hard to block general data at the console when playing online. The PlayStation features, you can select whether a child's account can communicate with others online on the PS4 or whether they can share content created by other players. This means that you can control what your child can do on the PS4, and the ability to access the internet.

SET AGE RATING LEVELS FOR GAMES, DVDS AND BLU-RAYS
As well as controlling what age rating level of a game you can play, you can also set appropriate controls for DVDs and Blu-rays. To set this up, go to Settings > Family Management > Settings > Applications > Content Restrictions & select the type of content you would like to restrict.

LIMIT PLAY TIME
Play time can also be managed through the PlayStation parental controls. On the Family Management screen, you can set a limit on how long your child can play for each day. This can be done through the Family Management screen. You can also set a limit on how long your child can play for each day.

KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE
To stop children from changing parental controls, you can set a PIN. This can be done through the Family Management screen. You can also set a PIN for your child's account. This can be done through the Family Management screen. You can also set a PIN for your child's account.

Meet our expert
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Remember to email safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk if you are concerned about your child's safety and/or wellbeing. Our weekly Student Briefing is enabling us to stay better connected with all our students and this is distributed by your child's Head of House every Sunday. Please ensure your child logs into their school email account regularly to stay up to date with news, activities and information.

SEND

The Learning Support Team are all thrilled to see so many of our students involved in either the online teaching lessons or joining the small wellbeing group sessions. Your children have the opportunity to chat to each other and to the staff, take part in quizzes and also go over work that they may be struggling with. If they have not taken part in one of the sessions, I would encourage you to get them to sign up – they don't need to have the camera on and all sessions have two members of staff present to pick up on any issues that may arise.

If you or your child are struggling with anything at all, whether it is academic work, general wellbeing or something completely different, then please make sure that you contact either one of the Learning Support team, Form Tutors or Heads of House and we will do our best to help you.

I know that lots of different activities are happening within your homes at the minute and we enjoy getting those photos sent to us to share in the student briefing – we have had art work, gardening, baking and different types of crafts. It is lovely to see the different skills that our young people are gaining from this difficult time that we are in.

Covid-19

Please ensure you are following government and public health advice on social distancing.

- **Guidance on Staying at Home:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>
- **Guidance on Social Distancing:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>
- **Guidance on Vulnerable Children and Young People:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people>
- **Guidance on Isolation for Residential Education Settings:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-isolation-for-residential-educational-settings>
- **Guidance for Schools about Temporarily Closing:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures>
- **Q&A for Parents and Carers (updated):** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>
- **Cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020 Q&A:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>
- **Free School Meals Guidance (updated):** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance>