

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you and your families are all staying well. It is still extremely busy in school at the moment as staff combine setting work online, delivering live lessons, and providing hard copies of work where families do not have appropriate technology and marking and providing feedback. In addition, teaching and associate staff are calling home to offer further support for students. Furthermore, our fabulous staff continue to offer the Free School Meals deliveries and make PPE equipment. This is also being made for our Feeder Primaries and other primary schools, as they are preparing for more students in school.

As this is Thank a Teacher Week, I want to take the opportunity to thank all my staff for going above and beyond for our students. We will continue to open during half-term for our vulnerable students and for the children of key workers. Many of my staff have worked through all the holidays and I am extremely grateful for their commitment and support. We will not be open on Monday as no one has requested this facility.

We are currently planning for the conditional return of limited numbers of Year 10 students from 1 June and are surveying parents. Please be assured this will only be operating once the appropriate risk assessments have been developed and implemented in line with DfE and LA guidance. We will contact Year 10 parents directly with further information. For Year 12 students, we intend to continue to provide on line lessons as this has worked really well and also academic mentoring through tutors.

As we have mentioned before, if you have subject specific queries concerns regarding any work please do email your son/daughter's subject teacher. If you have general queries, please email their Form Tutor or Head of House. We do appreciate what you are doing to support in the education of your son/daughter at home. We know how hard many of them are working, so would encourage them to have some down time over what should have been to half term break.

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

Please remind your son/daughter to submit their work as their class teacher has instructed (through Google Classrooms, email or on paper) so that teachers can provide feedback and assess the work.

## Safeguarding

As we move into half term please take some time to focus on your own and your family's mental health and wellbeing. This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and this will be the focus of the Student Briefing that will be distributed on Sunday. Our young people will be guided into stepping away from schoolwork and spending some time focussing on themselves and engaging in healthy body and mind activities and routines. We can't underestimate the anxieties and fears both children and adults may be feeling at this time and it is important that everyone can access support and realise 'it is ok not to feel ok all of the time.'

With this in mind, Public Health England has produced updated guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and has signposted to many websites and resources including Every Mind Matters which offers excellent advice and strategies for all

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Please continue to let us know where you are struggling to motivate your children into good routines, or are concerned about their emotional and mental health and wellbeing and we will always support. You can contact your child's Form Tutor or Head of House via email, or by phoning the school office and you can also flag up concerns at [safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

## SEND

As there is slow movement back into schools for some students and the clarification that it will be September before other students come back in, both parents and students are becoming increasingly anxious about what is happening in their worlds, and this is particularly relevant to those parents with students who have a range of additional needs. The East Midlands Psychology Service have a range of resources that are available for parents to look at and use with their children and below is a link to one of their pages that has clips from world leaders, as well as directing you to other resources that are available.

<https://edpsy.org.uk/blog/2020/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-children-families-and-professionals/>

If parents would like specific information relating to their child's needs please email either their Head of House or the SENCo on [agerd@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:agerd@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) and we can identify resources that may be appropriate to support you at this time, particularly around the anxieties of school return.

As always, it is a pleasure to see so many of our students engaged with their learning, either through paper based work, online learning, or virtual groups. Thank you for your support with this.

## 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>