

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope that you and your families remain well and safe and managed to enjoy the sunshine over the half term. Within school we have continued to open during half term for the children of key workers and for our more vulnerable students. We have introduced some new systems and practices in school in preparation for additional Year 10 students coming into school from 15 June. We have followed DfE guidance and a risk assessment is in place for this wider opening of the school. The timetable for Year 10 will operate for three weeks, this will provide time in July for some limited transition events for Year 6 students who will be joining us in September and some further interaction with Year 12 students. We will also be enrolling our new cohort into the sixth form. We do understand that this is a particularly anxious time for Year 11 and Year 13 and we have included some further information in this bulletin. If you do have any queries or require further support at this time please do not hesitate to contact staff at school.

Finally, we were delighted to receive the attached letter (Appendix 1) yesterday from Idris Griffiths, the Chief Officer of Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group, thanking staff and students for making and providing vital equipment to help protect front line staff. I am very proud of Team Elizabethan.

Stay safe

Mrs C Horrocks
Principal

Supporting our Community

Up to the week ending 22nd May, made/delivered 335 face visors bringing our total up to:

Masks	1697
Wash bags	212
Hearts	80

We then had one further order for 100 masks which was completed over half term...the 2,000 is fast approaching!

Amazing team effort – well done 😊

Year 8 Options

Senior Leaders will be contacting Year 8 parents and students before the end of the month to discuss option choices for Year 9. 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.

Faculty Leaders, Heads of House and Form Tutors will also be continuing to keep in touch with students and parents over the coming weeks.

Assessment

We appreciate that Year 11 and Year 13 will be wondering how their exam results are going to be published this year and what the results will mean for them. The DfE have provided some information on the way this will be managed but there are still a number of areas that are under consultation. At the moment, results are due to be released as expected: A Levels 13th August and GCSEs 20th August. We do not know whether social distancing will mean results will need to be communicated electronically rather than collected in person

but will of course let you know as soon as government advice becomes available. Further information from the Exams Officer, Mrs Miller, can be found on the school website under Students - Exam Information. We have been informed that students who are not happy with the grades the exam boards have awarded them, will be able to sit exams in the autumn and following summer. At the moment, it is unclear exactly how many subjects will be available in October as the DfE has indicated it may not be possible to provide examination opportunities for all subjects. However, we anticipate that most of the subjects taught at the Elizabethan will be available in the autumn. If students choose to sit an exam in October and achieve a lower grade than was previously awarded, they will keep the higher of the two grades. There will also be the possibility of an appeal which will allow students to challenge a grade awarded them by the exam board in the summer, but the details of this process have not yet been released and we will provide an update soon as we have further information.

Teaching & Learning – live lessons and home learning

As staff, students and parents become increasingly used to a remote way of working and learning we would like to thank you for your patience and continued support with this. Please continue to encourage your child to talk about their work schedule on a daily basis and any deadlines for tasks they need to meet.

Teaching in school continues with a small but consistent number of students and remote work continues to be set for all year groups either through Google classroom or other online platforms. Alongside our programme of live lessons for Years 9-12 classes, I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to start to be able to offer an increased number of live lessons for Years 7 and 8 students. Please look out for the Microsoft Teams invites which will come via your son/daughter emails. As always, the live lessons will follow the normal school timetable to avoid any clashes with subjects.

Safeguarding

Thinkuknow is the online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency and they have produced simple 15 minute activities to complete with your child at home. The first link contains six sessions for 11-13 year olds and the second link has the same amount of sessions for those aged 14 plus...well worth a look and suggested answers are also included.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow-11-13s-home-activity-sheet.pdf>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/14-plus/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=6647114059-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_02_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-6647114059-64709705

They also have new video guides, available via the following link, that explore the positives and the risks of sharing images online and offer practical advice for parents and carers on:

- What you can do to reduce risks
- How you can seek help if you are concerned about an image that has been shared

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=6647114059-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_02_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-6647114059-64709705

Please remember that we have a dedicated email address where you can raise any concerns about the safeguarding, mental health and wellbeing of your own or other children. You can communicate via safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk and a member of our safeguarding team will be able to support.

SEND

The Learning Support Team are continuing to make contact with students through a combination of online teams meetings and phone calls home, and these will continue. However, if your child is concerned or worried about anything in-between these contacts, then please ask them to email either their Tutor, Head of House or a member of Learning Support who will respond and support them.

The British Red Cross have sent out a link to a resource for parents to use at home with their children to learn the basics of First Aid, a useful skill to develop for adults and young people alike. The link to the site is <https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/>

Guidance from Public Health England

Please take a moment to read through the attached guidance from PHE (Appendix 2)...if we all adopt these practices then we will be able to get this pandemic under control and move back towards "normal" life

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>

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Dear Mrs Horrocks,

On behalf of our NHS Patients and front line workers I should like to personally thank your staff for their fantastic contribution to our efforts to tackle the COVID19 pandemic. As is well known, in the early weeks of the pandemic, requirements for protective equipment were heavy and NHS supply lines stretched. We needed the help of our local community.

Your staff responded magnificently to the situation, supplying us with face visors and other vital equipment for distribution to enhance the equipment we could provide. This helped protect front line staff and patients, and there is no doubt in my mind helped slow the spread of the virus and therefore save lives.

Thankfully, we are now in a position that our stocks have been enhanced and our supplies increased, but your help in those crucial days will not be forgotten and your staff should feel proud to have more than played their part.
Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,



Idris Griffiths
Chief Officer

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If **you have symptoms** of coronavirus, you need to **self-isolate for 7 days**
If **you live with someone who has symptoms**, you need to **self-isolate for 14 days** from the day their symptoms started

For most people coronavirus will be a mild illness. However if you have any of the symptoms you should self-isolate at home

Stop the spread of coronavirus



Wash your hands more often and for 20 seconds



Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away



Supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands more often than usual



Posters and lesson plans on general hand hygiene can be found on the eBug website



Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your **standard cleaning products**



Staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell **to avoid spreading infection to others**

If staff, young people or children become unwell with any of the coronavirus symptoms on site, **they should be sent home**

We are asking schools, colleges, nurseries, childminders and other registered childcare settings **to remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children** where they can