

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sending another Bulletin out this week as we go back into lockdown to reassure parents that we are doing everything we can at the Elizabethan Academy to keep our students and staff safe and protect their mental health and wellbeing. Despite the lockdown restrictions, we will seek to ensure that the curriculum we offer continues to remain broad. This will include physical and practical subjects. Unfortunately, we have had to halt the rehearsals for the school show but we will look to resume these as soon as safely possible.

I am acutely aware that the current pandemic has affected many people's livelihoods and incomes and I would ask anyone experiencing financial difficulties at this time to contact Chris D'Albuquerque (D'albuquerqueC@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) to ensure we can support wherever possible. This will be dealt with in complete confidence. We do run a breakfast club every morning at 8.10am and would love more students to attend, for more information please contact Ms Sarah Withall (withalls@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

Stay safe.

Mrs C Horrocks
Principal

Uniform

We are extremely proud of our uniform at The Elizabethan and have had a lot of positive feedback. We are due to complete our uniform consultation with all stakeholders and would appreciate you spending time to complete our very short online survey at <https://tinyurl.com/yvd2nmlm>



Parents' Evenings

Unfortunately, we cannot have face to face parents' meetings, but parent support and communication is vital for our students' success and achievement. I would urge all parents to try and attend our remote parents' evenings this term. The first one is Year 11 which is on the 19th November from 4.00pm-7.00pm. More detailed information on how to book appointments with teachers, will follow in the next Parent Briefing.

Safeguarding

We are aware of the impact on mental health and wellbeing of the pandemic and even more so as we head into lockdown. If you are concerned about your child or there are circumstances within your family that you believe we should be aware of please do let us know by contacting your child's Head of House in the first instance. You can also flag up any concerns to our dedicated safeguarding email safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk

The following link is worth a look as it offers parents/carers lots of advice and support on how you can ease anxiety around the Coronavirus, keeping your child safe online, working from home, taking care of your mental health and other parenting pressures and conflicts you may experience

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Free School Meals

Students in receipt of FSM will have Asda vouchers sent to them electronically for the October half term and we are delighted that the LA have supported this and have indicated their intention to provide these during the Christmas holidays.

Attendance

We know how important student attendance is for their achievement and personal development and our expectations, in line with DfE guidance, is that all students need to be in school ...

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's attendance regularly at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

For students who are having to self-isolate, work will continue to be available on Microsoft Teams and it is essential they log onto their virtual classes to access and complete the classwork from the lesson. In response to parental requests, there will be an online session on how to access Microsoft Teams run by Mr Dainty next week and a link to join will be emailed out beforehand. Please look out for the email.

Communication

In order to ensure you are receiving information at this critical time please can I ask parents/carers to download the MyEd App. Please visit <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/> for more information or download the MyEd app from your app store. In addition, we will continue to post information on our website and also to email to parents where appropriate.

Covid-19

The total number of students Covid-19 cases we have had in school is 7 and in addition we have had 7 members of staff who have either had to self-isolate or tested positive. I am extremely grateful to all our staff who are doing everything they can to ensure we continue to provide a quality educational experience for our students during these challenging and restrictive circumstances.

We have a dedicated email address covid@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk that is manned by members of the Senior Leadership Team for any COVID related queries or to report any positive cases for students. If you believe that your son/daughter may have come into contact outside school with a person who has since tested positive, please can you refer your queries to Public Health England who will be able to offer you advice on whether they need to self-isolate. The guidance that they give you will be specific to your child and based on a risk assessment that they will talk you through which considers whether the contact is classed as close or proximity contact, the duration of the contact and also the time lag between the contact and the person developing symptoms.

Thank you for ensuring that students have masks as it is mandatory that they wear these in communal areas such as corridors and in the dome and on buses.

DfE Guidance states that :

"In schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated and further education colleges, face coverings should be worn by adults and pupils when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. Face coverings should also be worn by pupils in year 7 and above when travelling on dedicated school transport to secondary schools or on public transport to college.

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Next Bulletin

I will send another Bulletin out at the beginning of next month when we have further information and guidance from the DfE and Public health England.

There is now a legal obligation on schools to deliver remote education to those children who can't attend school due to coronavirus ... what safety measures should everyone involved consider? Find out with this parent/carer guide:

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

- 1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**
As a parent or carer, your school may have explained how remote education works already, but children may still need help. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.

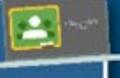
- 2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY**
It's important to remind your child that despite being at home, the same level of behaviour and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite, remember their manners and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.

- 3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE**
Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might associate more with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the timetable/schedule that schools have sent home to help children keep on top of their daily learning.

- 4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES**
Remote learning will inevitably require more interaction with computers, laptops and tablets. Teachers will invariably advise on screen breaks; however, it doesn't hurt to keep a check on their time online or encourage them to get some fresh air/exercise.

- 5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME**
It's important to consider where your PC or laptop is placed if live video is being used. Try to keep the background neutral, with no personal information visible and move learning devices out of the bedroom as this could be deemed inappropriate.

- 6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE**
Dependant on how your school implements remote education, your child may be required to download certain software or apps. Whilst these are likely to be relatively safe to use, like any other new app or platform, parents should still implement safety controls as a precaution.

- 7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**
It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is directed through approved school channels, whether that be through the school's online portal or the relevant secure messaging site.

- 8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES**
Schools should have a policy on remote education that they can share with parents. Familiarise yourself with this and ensure you know what is expected of teachers and your child during lessons, both online and offline.

- 9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS**
Engage in communication with teachers where possible, and try to feed back progress and development as well as any helpful suggestions around the learning process. Be transparent but remain professional and only use official channels to communicate.

- 10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH**
Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and might not see their friends for a while. Keep a check on their wellbeing and try to encourage them to get out as much as they can. Whilst learning from home might seem fun and exciting to start to with, missing out on seeing their friends every day might take its toll.




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