



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope that you and your families are staying safe and well. I apologise that we are having to send out plans at such a late stage, but the government announcement has provided us with very little planning and implementation time. Our priority, as always, is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and their continued education. We will do everything we can to minimise the impact of the pandemic on them. I want to keep you informed in this fast-moving situation, so I intend to send out a fortnightly bulletin. Thank you also for ensuring that your son/daughter has attended live lessons today on Teams – the attendance has been excellent.

### **Arrangements for Students in School**

The school will remain open for our vulnerable students, including those without technology at home and the children of critical workers. Students will be predominantly based in IT rooms where they will be supervised accessing live lessons. The intention is also that they will have some form of physical exercise session every day. Limited hot meals will be available at lunchtime (see below). There will also be a toastie for students requiring this as they come into school. It is important students bring sufficient water and they should wear clothes that are suitable for PE sessions. They will also need a coat as students must be outside at social time wherever possible. Buses will continue to run as normal. Students in school will have the Covid test once we have received parental consent which will again minimise the risk to students and staff.

### **Arrangements for Students not in School**

Students not in school should access live lessons via Microsoft Teams. If for any reason a live session cannot take place, work will be set on Teams. There will be a tutor session every morning (Tuesday-Friday) 8.45-9.00am with the students' form tutor. This will help them get organised and focused for the day and is a chance to touch base with their peers so please ensure that they attend. There will be no tutor session on a Monday as staff will be regularly meeting to discuss lesson planning and work. It is vital that students attend all sessions and complete the work on Teams in order to prevent them getting behind. Please contact your child's Head of House if s/he does not have access to technology.

If you have any queries regarding accessing Microsoft Teams please contact Lee Dainty Assistant Principal on [daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk). For all other subject specific queries please contact the subject teacher directly.

### **Arrangements for students in receipt of free school meals**

We intend to deliver food hampers on the Monday of each week we are in lockdown and this will cover the week's lunches for all students, whether they are in school or working from home. This gives parents/carers the option of sending their child in with a packed lunch or there is the option of purchasing food from the limited menu. Please ensure there is money on their accounts. The menu available in school is as follows ...

Break ... hotdog £1.10, sausage baguette £1.65, bacon cob £1.60, veggie sausage roll 65p, waffle 75p, muffin 85p

Lunch ... sandwiches £1.25, pizza 90p, chicken fillet burger £1.80, panini £1.60, cheese and ham toastie £1.50

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These items will be available from tomorrow and we are asking students to pre-order at the start of the day, to minimise wastage.

The majority of food hampers have been delivered today apart from those students on free school meals working in school who had their lunch provided and this arrangement will continue for these students this week. Please bear with us as we have had to react to the ever-changing situation.

## **Wellbeing**

If you have any concerns regarding your son/s daughter health and wellbeing please contact their Head of House in the first instance (emails below) or the dedicated safeguarding mailbox

Safeguarding	Miss Clark	<a href="mailto:safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk">safeguarding@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk</a>
Hardwick	Mrs Foulds	<a href="mailto:fouldsa@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk">fouldsa@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk</a>
Burghley	Mr Ciardulli	<a href="mailto:ciardullif@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk">ciardullif@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk</a>
Shakespeare	Mrs Glaister	<a href="mailto:glaisters@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk">glaisters@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk</a>
Gallileo	Mrs Mason	<a href="mailto:masonn@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk">masonn@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk</a>
Sixth Form	Mr Dainty	<a href="mailto:daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk">daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk</a>

## **Assessments/Exams /Parents evenings MTM**

The Year 9 Parents Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January will continue as planned, please make appointments with the classroom teacher that you wish to meet with either during the Live Lessons or via e mail. The Year 10 Parents Evening has been postponed until later in the Summer Term, I will let you know the new date when we have a clearer picture of return dates.

The picture for Summer Examinations is not finalised, the information sent out by the Government is as follows.

‘Public vocational exams and assessments scheduled to take place in January will go ahead as planned. All other children and students will learn remotely until February half term. In these circumstances, we do not think it is possible for exams to go ahead fairly this summer. The Secretary of State for Education will be asking Ofqual to consult rapidly on an approach for alternative arrangements that will allow students to progress fairly.’

At this time, it is important that all students that are in their examination year keep focused on making as much progress as is possible in the time that we have. It is vital that students attend all the online lessons that are available so that they can prepare for any assessments that we will be using to finalise grades in the Summer. I will keep you updated on any information that we get on the plans for the examinations that will be taking place this year.

## **Sixth Form Applications**

The Sixth Form Application process for September 2021 is now open and live on the website. Please visit the Sixth Form section of the website [here](#) for more details of courses, information and how to apply. If you have further questions regarding the application process, please email Lee Dainty Assistant Principal on [daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

We look forward to your application.

## **SEND**

Thank you for the support that you are giving in helping your child to access their learning from home. Whilst we know that this is not an ideal situation, we will assist remotely wherever possible. We understand it is difficult for some students to sit and engage with an online lesson for a full hour or 50 minutes so we will be aiming for some lessons to be of a slightly shorter duration to allow for them to move about and have a break before their next lesson. Alongside this, if they need to have a break during the lesson, then that is perfectly acceptable. If your child needs assistance with the work during or after the lesson, then please put something in the chat section and a member of learning support with ring or set up a separate Teams meeting afterwards to assist.

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ELIZABETHAN  
ACADEMY



There is a free web application that converts text to speech if your child struggles with reading, which I have attached the link for <https://bdatech.org/what-technology/text-to-speech/#free>

Yours sincerely

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