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Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday 16th April, the Government confirmed that they are continuing with the plan of **Stay at Home** in order to reduce risks of spreading the coronavirus for the next 3 weeks.

Ahead of the start of term on Tuesday 21st April, and following my letter to you of 3rd April 2020, I am writing to remind you of the support we can provide for you and your family in these challenging times.

As before Easter, we will be providing most children with education at home and can offer support at the school for children of key or critical workers.

If you need to send your child to school, please contact sybil.elgarschool@nas.org.uk, giving us at least 24 hours' notice, so that we can make sure we have the right staff in place at the school and that we are able to complete risk assessments with all concerned parties, so that we can make an informed decision about the safest place for your child to be.

Home learning

All our students who are 'learning at home' will continue to be contacted by their key TLA worker /teacher and supported in following a learning programme. All students should be completing some work at home.

Parents and carers who are classified as 'key' or 'critical' workers

We are continuing to work with our families who have identified as key workers. We will do everything we can to enable you to fulfil the critical job you are doing for us all. Please remember we can only offer a care provision, not our usual provision:

- Please only make use of the care provision at the school if you have to. Government guidance remains that the safest thing to do is to keep your child at home and away from other people to avoid the risk of infection.
- The day will run for normal school hours: 9am – 3.40
- It will not be normal school with lessons, but we will offer care and supervision. For much of the day, students will be completing the work that has been set for them by their teachers.
- The school will follow strict social distancing guidelines as far as we are able to for those who understand.

- Students will be supervised primarily in one classroom within the school; there will not be the opportunity to move around the school to different classrooms as usual
- We continue to offer school meals for those who chose to take this up at £2 per meal

Staying healthy

If your child or anyone in your household has any symptoms then you must follow government advice to self-isolate

Once again, please contact sybil.elgarschool@nas.org.uk if you are a key worker and need your child to come into school, giving us at least 24 hours' notice.

Thank you for supporting the school and the national effort to contain this virus.

Yours faithfully



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