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Dear Families

I am updating you today about our plans of how The Elmgreen School community will function in the next few weeks. As you will now know all schools will be closed to most students from Friday 20 March for the foreseeable future. The Elmgreen School will continue to provide online resources for Years 7 to 13 in Show My Homework and Google Classroom over the coming weeks as set down in yesterday's letter. I reiterate yesterday's point that you must contact us if you do not have computer or printing access. We will provide a pack for students. As this is a new situation for all schools I'm sure that the sophistication will increase over time as we find new and innovative ways of working. We will provide regular updates of where we are with our online platforms. We will also continue to provide work for Year 11 and 13 although this maybe in a slightly less traditional form. As the students are not having terminal exams it is not productive to just provide a revision package. However, as this particular group may essentially be out of education for six months then it is vital that they start to prepare themselves academically and intellectually for Sixth Form and university. We will look at how we do that.

I am aware that a number of parents have contacted the school asking for the students' exercise books. Again, if you email admin@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk. we will organise that for you for next week.

The school will be open to students who have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) and the children of Key Workers from Monday 23 March. The school hours will be the same and students are expected in full school uniform. This is both to retain the normality of school and also to clearly identify them as children going to school if as expected there is much more restriction on public movement.

The children of Key Workers are also allowed to attend school. Unfortunately, as of 6.00pm on 19 March the government has not provided a definition of what this term means. Our presumption is that it may be NHS staff, police and armed forces, teachers and delivery drivers. To be clear though, there may be very different criteria. However, we do need to get some sense of numbers for Monday so if you think this may apply to you could you please inform admin@the-elmgreen-school.org.uk . by 3.00pm on Friday 20 March. We will send out the criteria separately as soon as we have it. Unfortunately, to be clear, we will have to stick to the criteria closely when they are finally published.

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The school will also be open to students who are in receipt of a free school meal between 11.45am and 12.30pm from Monday to Friday. Students do not need to wear school uniform to come to collect their meal.

As we are partially open you can contact us in the normal way. You can also use the web form on the [COVID-19 page](#) on our website. I appreciate that nothing seems very normal at the moment but the school will continue to provide the very best education that we can and that we follow, as always, The Elmgreen Way of, 'we look after ourselves, we look after each other, we look after our school and we look after our community.'

I wish the whole Elmgreen community the very best in the weeks to come.

Yours faithfully

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