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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well.

This period of lockdown has been difficult to manage for us all: children and young people, families and staff alike. This new normal in which we find ourselves seems to see the days merge into one and it can be difficult to motivate ourselves into a routine when it can seem pointless. It is worth noting that to date, children and young people have missed 15 days of their learning – it feels much longer! However, there will come a time when we will need to transition back into the academy when the government guidelines allow us to do so. Therefore, it is vital that we do try to maintain part of a routine for students so that when they do come back, they will find the transition much easier.

In the meantime, staff are still setting work for our children and young people either directly or through recommending specific sites for students and this will continue up until half term. In addition, you will have heard on the news that there are two national websites that families can access for alternative educational activities. The websites are below:

Oak National Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy>

BBC resources - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>

Discovery Espresso: - Primary pupils may already be using this website, but if access to this resource is needed, please use the following details:-

www.discoveryeducation.co.uk

Username: student23122

Password: alecreed

In addition, for families who cannot access the work online, we are posting work home.

The academy remains closed but is open for the children of key workers and for our most vulnerable children and young people. We have a skeletal staff in school to look after the children to ensure that we have the appropriate social distancing measures in place. Should you have any questions, please do feel free to either call the academy (our reception will operate at the shortened hours of 9am – 3pm) or email enquiries@alecreedacademy.co.uk

However, although many of the staff are not in school, we are all still planning for when our children and young people do return and what needs to be in place for them for the next academic year. To that end I would like to share with you some of the developments that will be taking place whilst

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the academy is still closed but about which you will be receiving further information in the coming days and weeks.

Students uploading work on ClassCharts

If a teacher wants a student to submit work on ClassCharts, they will set this up this function when setting the work. The students can send documents and photos that the teacher can look at and leave feedback on.

To upload work the student needs to:

- * Click on the homework task
- * Click the 'upload attachment' button
- * This then opens up their files on their computer/phone and they can select what they wish to upload. If you have any problems doing this please email enquiries@alecreedacademy.co.uk

Sixth Form preparation and enrolment for Year 11 into Year 12 Students who have expressed a wish to return to the sixth form in September will be contacted shortly with instructions as to the work that they will need to be completing in preparation for their Level 3 course whether this is an A-level course or a BTEC course. We will be encouraging pre-course reading and skills building so that students make the transition into sixth form successfully.

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Before school closure there was a focused programme in the high school to support our more able students. More to follow shortly on how the academy will continue to support these students and the types of activities that we would recommend that they are involved in whilst the academy remains closed.

Reports

Only year 7 students will be receiving reports for the rest of this academic year.

Transition – year 6 into year 7

Whilst we are still unaware as to when we will come back, there is still a lot of work happening behind the scenes in preparation for how we address transition for our students. Again, there will be more information coming out to families in future weeks but we will be focusing in the first instance on our children who may find transition more challenging than usual because of their learning needs.

I am completely grateful to all staff in primary and secondary during this lockdown. Staff are continuing to set work, have been in the academy to support those children who are entitled to be in school as per the government guidelines and have been contacting families to check in during this very difficult time.

Finally, I wanted to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who have been working hard with their children to keep them in touch with their education across both primary and secondary phases. I have been particularly impressed by the amount of work from primary students - the quality has been very impressive. We recognise that it is not easy sometimes to motivate the children to complete their set work, particularly as they get older. Even if your child is only doing 2-3 hours a day this will really help them - it is important that we do all we can to mitigate the gap in learning. We are of course planning to mitigate the gap ourselves in school but we do not underestimate the enormity of the task ahead.

I will write to you again if and when I receive any further information from government but for now, the academy remains closed to the majority of our children and young people. I have attached a flyer at the end of this letter for information as to the symptoms to look out for and the response required. This has come from NHS England.

I wish you and your families continued good health and safety during this time.

Kind regards

Mrs. A Moise-Dixon
Principal and CEO

We're here for you

Your CLCH health visiting and school nursing service in Ealing is running a **7 day a week 9am-5pm** duty line for parents and young people to call for support and advice.

Call us on: **0208 102 5888**

Email: Clcht.ealingadminhub@nhs.net



Advice for parents during coronavirus

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. Here is some advice to help:

 <p>RED</p>	<p>If your child has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Becomes pale, mottled and feels abnormally cold to the touch• Has pauses in their breathing (apnoeas), has an irregular breathing pattern or starts grunting• Severe difficulty in breathing becoming agitated or unresponsive• Is going blue round the lips• Has a fit/seizure• Becomes extremely distressed (crying inconsolably despite distraction), confused, very lethargic (difficult to wake) or unresponsive• Develops a rash that does not disappear with pressure (the 'Glass test')• Has testicular pain, especially in teenage boys	<p>You need urgent help:</p> <p>Go to the nearest A&E department or phone 999</p>
 <p>AMBER</p>	<p>If your child has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is finding it hard to breathe including drawing in of the muscles below their lower ribs, at their neck or between their ribs (recession) or head bobbing• Seems dehydrated (dry mouth, sunken eyes, no tears, drowsy or passing less urine than usual)• Is becoming drowsy (excessively sleepy) or irritable (unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or picking up) - especially if they remain drowsy or irritable despite their fever coming down• Has extreme shivering or complains of muscle pain• Babies under 3 months of age with a temperature above 38°C / 100.4°F• Infants 3-6 months of age with a temperature above 39°C / 102.2°F• For all infants and children with a fever above 38°C for more than 5 days.• Is getting worse or if you are worried• Has persistent vomiting and/or persistent severe abdominal pain• Has blood in their poo or wee• Any limb injury causing reduced movement, persistent pain or head injury causing persistent crying or drowsiness	<p>You need to contact a doctor or nurse today.</p> <p>Please ring your GP surgery or call NHS 111 - dial 111</p> <p>The NHS is working for you. However, we recognise during the current coronavirus crisis at peak times, access to a health care professional may be delayed. If symptoms persist for 4 hours or more and you have not been able to speak to either a GP or 111, then take your child to the nearest A&E</p>
 <p>GREEN</p>	<p>If none of the above features are present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can continue to provide your child care at home. Information is also available on NHS Choices• Additional advice is available to families for coping with crying of well babies • Additional advice is available for children with complex health needs and disabilities.	<p>Self care</p> <p>Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, call NHS 111 - dial 111</p>