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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE FOR FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your kind communications with regards to how Enfield Grammar School are dealing with the situation as calmly and efficiently as is possible. This letter will update you on a number of issues that I referred to in my letter to parents/carers yesterday.

Updated List of Key Workers

Please see below the information that was published yesterday by the Government relating to 'Key Worker' status:

"If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

Health and Social Care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and Childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key Public Services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.



Local and National Government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and Other Necessary Goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public Safety and National Security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, Communication and Financial Services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be."**

(Government advice as circulated on gov.uk – 20 March 2020)

The overarching approach taken by the Government is to stop people meeting and congregating in groups, so as to reduce the chance of the virus spreading further. If it is possible for Key Workers to have their sons stay at home, this is what I feel you should do. Your co-operation is very much appreciated in this matter.

Please continue to inform the School if you are in Category A, Category B or Category C, as outlined in my letter sent to parents/carers yesterday.

Free School Meals

I am working very hard today, to find a solution regarding the Free School Meals situation. I am hoping that by Monday 23 March at the latest, there will be a solution to ensure that all the Free School Meals students are provided with the means to ensure that they can get their meal for the day.

As usual, more information will follow, once plans have been finalised.

Access to Home Learning

A letter will be sent at the end of the School day today, explaining the information that has been shared with you over the past few days with regards to remote home learning and how all students can access the different methods and resources online.

Thank you all, once again for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Lamb', written in a cursive style.

C Lamb
Headteacher