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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: PASTORAL SUPPORT UPDATE FOR ENFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

I hope you and your family are well, especially in such uncertain times. I fully understand the challenges that households will face balancing your work and financial concerns along with your own children's education and more importantly their mental and physical well-being. I am writing to update you on the pastoral support the School is able to offer whilst it is closed and to try to support all of the Enfield Grammar School students and families.

The School will remain open throughout the Easter holidays for students who are entitled to attend (see Government Guidance) and the Upper School Office will be open every day. Should you have any queries or issues during this period, please contact the School either by telephone on 020 8363 1095 between the hours of 9am and 10am, or email at office@enfieldgrammar.org. An emergency contact number will be available, under the charities and support information document, which is located on the School Website.

The School will continue to contact home by telephone, and some calls will continue to be made throughout the Easter holidays. This is an opportunity for the School to keep in touch with you and your son, to offer support and answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Daily Notices and Well-being – Google Classroom for all students

The School will continue to keep in daily contact with all students through the Daily Notices page. This will provide students with different activities, support and advice and provide daily communication with School. Questions will be published within the Daily Notices, to enable us, as a School, to gauge how students are feeling, and if necessary, offer support. Contact telephone numbers for national and local support agencies will also be available through this platform.

Free School Meals and Foodbank Vouchers

We have now received further guidance from the Department for Education regarding the implementation of an e-voucher scheme for those students who are entitled to Free School Meals. Parents/carers of these students will be contacted shortly with clear guidelines on how to access the vouchers. This will take effect after the Easter holidays. I have also included a link on how to apply for Free School Meals, should you feel your son is now eligible for this service. For further information, please click on the link below:

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/school-welfare-and-information/school-meals/>.



Enfield Grammar School have joined the Foodbank Scheme and food vouchers are available for families who are struggling at this present time. Details of how to obtain these are outlined in Mr Lamb's letter of 2 April 2020.

School Work

Work will be set via **SmartHomework** as outlined in Mrs Burke's letter. Work can also be accessed through **Google Classroom**, but we are mindful about striking a balance between school work and family dynamics.

As a guideline, I recommend the following points below:

- Enfield Grammar School is expecting students to complete work during each school closure day
- Enfield Grammar School to balance work with well-being and pastoral support via **Google Classroom**, phone calls and letters. This is to support parents/carers and students
- Enfield Grammar recommends a daily routine for school days/hours to include:
 - Two to three pieces of school work;
 - Time to connect with others throughout the day – break/lunch times;
 - Daily exercise – outside whenever safety possible;
 - Daily reading;
 - Well-being activity/family time.

I am conscious that each household is different and of course, the priority is the well-being of students and their families.

Online Safety and Child Protection

I am aware of the amount of time some students may be spending on line. I want students to use the benefits of social media to maintain connections with friends and family. It is vital that they do this safely. I will share reminders with students, but I have added some guidance and activities on our website to support households in keeping safe online.

Our Child Protection procedures remain in place and staff are aware of how to raise any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns regarding any young people, please go to the Enfield Children's Portal (www.enfield.gov.uk/childrensportal) or use the links I have shared on the School's website and Daily Notices.

I would like to thank you all for your support during this challenging period and I hope you and your family remain safe, follow all Government advice and work through this together.

Yours sincerely



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