



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have managed to have a decent break over Easter and are staying safe and healthy. You will have heard that the current lockdown guidelines will stay in place for at least the next three weeks. I completely understand what a challenging time this is for everyone and, on behalf of all of us at the school, can I send our thanks for the excellent support you are giving our students at home and for the messages of support we have received from you over the last month.

I am not intending for this communication to be a long one, but there are a few key points I thought important to communicate at this stage:

### **School work**

The work currently posted on the school website is intended to apply until this Friday. On Monday 27th April, we will post the next batch of work for the students to be completing at home. The work set should mean that your child/ren should be able to continue with their education in all of their subjects as they were before the Easter break. We appreciate that completing 5 hours work per day on a computer is probably not possible, and our staff will try to set work that is more practical where we can.

For year 11 students, they will be able to access work which will continue to support them. This will enable them to prepare for the opportunity to resit any subjects, should they are unhappy with the grades that they receive in August, as well as allowing them to consolidate their learning before starting college courses. However, this work will not contribute towards their predicted grades and we will not be asking staff to provide feedback.

### **Work experience for Year 10**

Please note that we have decided to cancel work experience for year 10. It is a real shame that we will be unable to run work experience this year but, as I'm sure you can understand, the timescale for delivering the GCSE courses has shortened drastically, and it is vital that we don't place students under more pressure than is necessary.

### **Free-School Meals**

As you may be aware from the media, and from our parentmails, the Government have now set up a scheme for the issuing of the Free School Meal vouchers during the current closure period. Each pupil that is entitled to receive Free School Meals will receive a voucher for £15

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each week as their entitlement during the closures. The school has registered for this scheme and has requested the vouchers on behalf of the child/ren who are eligible. These vouchers will be e-mailed to you by the end of today and can currently be used at the following supermarkets; Asda, Morrisons, M&S, Tesco, Sainsburys and Waitrose. You will be able to redeem them in store by either presenting the voucher on your smartphone or presenting a paper copy of the voucher. If you do not receive a voucher by the end of the day on Monday, please can you email [info@littleilford.org](mailto:info@littleilford.org). Please note that we will need to have an email address for you so we can send the vouchers.

### **Year 11 Centre-Assessed Grades**

Just before the Easter break, we received guidance from Ofqual regarding Year 11 centre-assessed grades. We will be putting the guidance into practice over the next 6 weeks to ensure there is a consistency and fairness to the approach. Just to remind you that we will be unable to communicate these grades to you/your child until the results day, so please can I ask that you do not contact us regarding this. If you have any other query, please can you email [info@littleilford.org](mailto:info@littleilford.org), but again I would like to stress the Education Secretary's words that no student should be disadvantaged this year.

### **Welfare**

We have placed links to resources for support in mental health and wellbeing on our website: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/news/2020-03-25-advice-for-parents-during-our-temporary-school-closure>

Please do read this and contact us if there are any issues on the email address above. We hope you find this information useful. You and your child will also receive a letter by email today from staff at Little Ilford School to ensure you/they know where to seek support if they are experiencing any difficulties, either with the academic work or emotionally. The following page on our website is very useful in regard to ensuring that your child stays safe online: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/information/e-safety>

The Wilderness Foundation has created 'Wild Time' to help everyone through lock down with activities to keep the whole family engaged in nature and the outdoors and activities to keep our minds healthy with Mindfulness and Reflections. Click on the link to see what ideas they offer: <https://wildernessfoundation.org.uk/wildtime/>

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you well in these difficult times. If you need to contact us, please do so through our email account [info@littleilford.org](mailto:info@littleilford.org).

Yours faithfully,

Ian Wilson and Helen Marriott