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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are coping well with the new arrangements to prevent the spread of Covid 19. It is certainly a difficult time. I know that you will be trying to get your children to complete the work that we've set on the school website (under the Parents and Students tab). We are keen to ensure that the young people are continuing in their education whilst trying to make sure that we don't put your families under too much stress. I recognise that you may be receiving messages like this from primary school as well. Do look on the website and check that your child is as up-to-date as possible. The national guidance that we are receiving now clearly states that we should not be setting and marking exam work for year 11s as, of course, the provenance of it could not be verified.

After the Easter holiday, we will be contacting targeted students who are not engaging with the online work to see how we can support them. If you need any help with accessing the resources, please contact the school on info@littleilford.org rather than phoning as we are operating a skeletal staffing rota in school at the moment to comply with government guidelines. We know it's tricky to keep on top of the work that the students have to do, particularly when you are working yourselves and have a number of young children at home.

If you haven't already, please download the MyEd app on your phone (<https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>). The instructions for this are on the website. Alternatively, please check the website regularly for further updates.

Many of you will have seen that today Ofqual announced how qualifications will be graded and awarded for our current year 11s this year. Their letter to students, which can be found in the link below, makes clear how this will work and outlines what students and parents need to know:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

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There is also more detailed guidance for students and parents here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

Here are some important messages from the borough:

Council tax

If you are having difficulty paying your Council Tax due to the Coronavirus pandemic please contact Council Tax and Benefits on 020 8430 2000. If your income has changed you may well be eligible for Council Tax Support which will pay up to 90% of your Council Tax. If you already claim Council Tax support please tell us about the change using the online [change of circumstances found on the Council's website](#). If you do not currently have a claim for Council Tax support you can [make a claim online](#). If you need help with making a claim or advice, our staff will quickly help you make a claim for this and can discuss payment holidays or even hardship grants towards outstanding Council Tax. Please don't wait for your account to go into arrears before contacting us. We want to help support you in these difficult times.

Rent payments

If you are having difficulty paying your rent due to the Coronavirus pandemic please visit our [Making a Benefit Claim](#) pages on the Council's website. This will help direct you to the right agency to deal with your claim. If you have an existing claim for Housing Benefit and your income has changed please visit the [Benefits – Tell us about a Change page](#) and complete the online change of circumstances form. If you need help or advice please contact Council Tax and Benefits on 020 8430 2000 and our staff will be able to help you.
[https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/ServiceChild/Coronavirus-\(Covid-19\).aspx#Advice](https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/ServiceChild/Coronavirus-(Covid-19).aspx#Advice)

It only remains for me to wish you a happy, restful and healthy holiday.

Yours faithfully

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