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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and managing in such difficult times. I wanted to update you about how the school is operating and what will happen after the Easter break.

School is operating at present for a small number of our students who have key worker parents or who are vulnerable according to a risk assessment. We are operating with staff rotating so that they have opportunities to exercise social distancing. Therefore students are working in small groups often with unfamiliar students and less familiar staff. There is constant on-going changing Government guidance on appropriate personal protection and social distancing for staff and students. We are working hard to keep this under review and put it in place.



All families should have received calls from the school and these will continue. We also hope you have been able to make use of the homework tasks both in the packs and also online. Staff have been very flexible delivering special dietary requirements, homework, meds and other personal care requirements across the borough. Often these calls and trips are the highlight of our week as they give us opportunities to see our young people or to talk to them on the phone. School is just not the same with so many of our school community missing! We long for the end of this so that the whole school can come back together as one. We miss every one of our young people.



Don't forget that if you wish to contact us during the break you can either email to [schoolcontact@greenvaleschool.co.uk](mailto:schoolcontact@greenvaleschool.co.uk) or phone the school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. In an emergency you can call the duty line of Children with Complex Needs for advice or support.

Next week we will be calling all families to discuss plans for next term. If we continue to be in lockdown we will be discussing with you where your son / daughter is safest. For the vast majority of our young people the safest place is to be at home. Please remember that school is running in a reduced way due to staffing and illness and that in school your son / daughter will have contact with many staff, students, bus escorts and drivers. The greater the number of contacts the greater the risk of catching the virus. Students should not return to school after Easter without agreement from the



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school and Local Authority and following a risk assessment of where they are safest. Please support us with our risk assessments so that we can all keep safe.

In school we have been experimenting with virtual lessons for students at home. There are some issues but they have been very well received. We will continue to trial these ideas and develop how we support you with activities to try out at home.

Last week we sent out vouchers to all Free School Meals families but please do contact us if you are finding things difficult – you do not need to be free school meals for us to support you.

Many of our staff are working from home due to health conditions and illness whilst others remain determined to be in school responding as well as we can to meet any of our families needs and to work with our small number of students. We are keeping in touch with staff through updates and have been able to share some lovely messages of encouragement and thanks from our families. This has been so kind of those families and has supported us to keep morale high. If you would like to send a message to staff please do feel free to do so on the email above. I guarantee that our staff will be delighted. We really appreciate your support. We would also like to thank you for keeping your young people where it is safest and helping to keep us all safe.

Finally, here are some pictures created by some Acer class students to remind us how beautiful the spring is.



Please stay at home and stay safe and healthy.

kindest regards

*Lynne Haines*

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