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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again I would like to thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. With the current government guidance continuing it is expected that as of the 20th April that you keep your child at home as this is the safest place for them to be.

We will be continuing our welfare checks with staff calling home to check in and offer any support that they can. We are also available on the office@mgcollege.co.uk email address.

If you feel your child is vulnerable or have social care involvement and feel your child needs to attend the college a risk assessment will have to be carried out before a decision can be made about your child returning to the college. Please let the office team or class teacher know if this is the case.

We continue to monitor the situation over the coming weeks. As soon as we have some clear guidelines we will be able to share with you the arrangements for social distancing, isolating and how we will gradually re-open.

Free School Meals - We have been delivering food parcels for the last three weeks and will now be over to the government voucher scheme. You will receive an email early next week. If you have any issues with this, please contact the college.

Safeguarding – We continue to work closely with social services and other professionals working with our community. As a result of the ongoing situation we have updated our Safeguarding policy which can be found on the college website. If you have any concerns at all, please don't hesitate to contact us at the college.

Work - We are continuing to set work and challenges for students throughout this time. If you have any questions about this, please speak to you class teacher. We also have a list of the online platforms available on the college website under the coronavirus tab. Please remember the priority throughout this time away from the college is your health. Please only do this work if you feel it will benefit your child.

YOUTUBE – The college's YOUTUBE page is now up and running – Manor Green College TV

Please see the link to an interesting newspaper article regarding rules on exercise for people with learning disabilities and autism.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/14/uk-coronavirus-rules-autism-learning-disabilities-lockdown>

We are all hugely appreciative of what a monumental challenge this has been for everyone and thank you for your patience and kind words throughout. Please stay safe, wash your hands, maintain a safe distance 2m when you leave the house and reduce all non-essential trips. Lastly please remember if you can keep your child at home, that is the safest place to be.

Best wishes

Tom Smith
Headteacher