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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are all doing as well as can be during this challenging time. The changes to routines and everyone's way of life take some time to adjust to. Staff teams have been sending work and activities home to support with time at home. This is only appropriate if you feel it will work for your family. These are suggested activities and are completely optional. The most important thing is that you are all fit and well and that takes precedence over everything. When we return to college staff teams will work with families and students to cover any areas that have been missed. Staff will also be in contact via email, Dojo, email and phone.

<b>FSM</b>	Last week we successfully delivered FSM lunches to families who indicated they required them. This week a parcel for a week will be delivered by the staff team. This system will be reviewed at the end of the week.
<b>Easter</b>	There will be provision for us to look after our students over Easter. This is prioritised for the <u>families of key workers first</u> and then those <u>we have agreed with social care that should have support</u> . Information about that will be sent out separately. <u>This should still only be used if it is not possible to have the child at home. This will minimise the risk to your child and staff at the college.</u>
<b>Exams</b>	<p>As you know the government has cancelled all exams for all general qualifications, i.e. GCSEs, A levels etc. We have written to all our students affected by this to let them know what is happening regarding the GCSE exams they would have been sitting. Although there were no exams, this also affects Entry level qualifications.</p> <p>Currently the awarding bodies are working hard with regulators and the government to make sure young people who were due to take our exams this summer get the qualifications they deserve.</p> <p>Associations representing teachers, schools and colleges are also involved and are helping create a process that's fair for everyone affected.</p> <p>Ofqual expects to publish detailed information about the process for Entry Levels, GCSEs, AS and A-levels in the week leading up to the Easter holidays. This will include the steps for teachers to follow and detailed guidance on how to consider the full range of evidence available when submitting grades.</p> <p>By Easter, Ofqual will also outline the process for making sure grades are fair across schools and colleges, as well as their proposals for appeals.</p> <p>Please rest assured we have your son/daughter's best interests at heart and we will</p>

	be touch with students and their families once we have more information.
<b>Meds:</b>	We have endeavoured to return to families all medicines, feed and specific equipment for any young person who have them. If you are still waiting for something to be returned please contact <a href="mailto:office@mgcollege.co.uk">office@mgcollege.co.uk</a>
<b>MG Online</b>	We have a page on the website which identifies key sites students use at the college. Login's and passwords have been sent by teachers.  It also contains information on the college's Twitter and YouTube account (This will be live in the middle of the week) which will have activities and task to do if you choose at home.
<b>Social Story</b>	Please see two social stories to help with supporting your child at home.  <a href="https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/hackney/fsd/files/the_garden_school_-_ot_s_social_story_on_cv.pdf">https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/hackney/fsd/files/the_garden_school_-_ot_s_social_story_on_cv.pdf</a>  <a href="https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/duke-of-norfolk-cofe-primary-school/UploadedDocument/7e3e85b94b194c549d24e238689a7f06/coronavirus-social-story.pdf">https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/duke-of-norfolk-cofe-primary-school/UploadedDocument/7e3e85b94b194c549d24e238689a7f06/coronavirus-social-story.pdf</a>

The staff team have worked tirelessly to ensure work/activities are set and ready to access by students. Some key information for online sites uses in classes are on the website under the 'Coronavirus tab'. Staff have also been contacting home to check in and support in any way they can. If you would like to speak to a member of staff please email the College Office email address - [office@mgcollege.co.uk](mailto:office@mgcollege.co.uk) and we will ensure a member of the team gets back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for all your support and kind words during this time. We all have a huge part to play in this as a college community. Continue to wash your hands and ensure social distancing of 2metres when you go out for essential trips. Please remember if your child can be at home, that is where they must be.

Yours sincerely

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