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Dear Parent/Carers

You will be aware the government decided to close all schools from the end of the day on Friday 20th March. Our Academies have been sending out work in order to continue the learning of our students and providing continued education on site for the most vulnerable. Academies will continue to provide work throughout the next two weeks leading up to the Easter Holidays and if schools remain closed, they will continue to set work after this period for as long as necessary. We are doing our best to provide regular appropriate distance learning for your child and check up with you on a regular basis to ensure you are all well and have what you need.

During the Easter holidays, as per Government guidelines, we will continue to make provision for children of key workers. Otherwise, our staff are taking their well-deserved school break time to focus on their own family and household. The Government has defined Keyworkers as,

1. Health and Social Care
2. Education and Childcare
3. Key Public Services
4. Local and National Government
5. Food and other necessary goods
6. Public Safety and National Security
7. Transport
8. Utilities, communication and financial services

Further clarification states: 'Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'

To view the document in detail please click this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you believe that you meet the key worker criteria and you require care for your child, because you are unable to keep your child safe at home, please email us using the wording 'KEYWORKER' as your email subject to info@learnmat.uk by Tuesday 31 March 2020.

This will greatly assist us in making the arrangements for the care of those young people who will be attending our Academies during the Easter holiday. Please note that staff will not necessarily teach your child from their own Academy or at their own Academy. Dependant on the numbers of students attending across Learn@ MAT, it may be that we make the decision to provide this provision at a centralised location.

After the Easter period schools are due to return on April 20th which is still within the Governments guidance of us all needing at least three months of social distancing to beat this outbreak. We therefore ask that you keep your child at home beyond April 20th, unless you are a key worker or a guardian of a vulnerable child for whom we are providing additional support. We will contact you all after Easter to update you in the light of the latest Government advice and instructions.

Most importantly, stay safe by staying at home in this challenging time and contact me directly at info@learnmat.uk or on 0117 2449746 if there is anything we can help with.

Best wishes



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