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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for continuing to support our whole community at such a difficult time. I hope that you and your family are managing as well as possible in these challenging times. As we approach the end of the Easter holidays, we would usually be looking forward to greeting students and welcoming them back to their Academy community at Rivers.

The government has shared with us all that it is necessary to continue the current lockdown for the forthcoming few weeks in order to help beat the pandemic. At the moment, the government has not provided any indication of when schools may reopen or how this will happen but we shall continue to follow the advice issued by the government, Public Health England and the Department of Education, and reopen when we have been advised it is safe to do so. We are in the process of planning for how this might be managed but we will need to wait for clear guidance from the government regarding expectations of schools before we can finalise these plans and share them with you. However, rest assured that we will contact you as soon as this advice and guidance becomes clear.

This means that Rivers Academy, along with all schools, will continue to remain closed to all pupils with the exception of providing care for children of key workers and those who are classed as vulnerable and who cannot safely stay at home.

Please keep your children with you at home unless your child falls into one of these two categories and cannot stay safely at home. Should your child fall into one of the two categories above and cannot stay safely at home please contact us on [advice@rivers-aspirations.org](mailto:advice@rivers-aspirations.org) and we will contact you to discuss arrangements.

From **Monday 20th April 2020** we will continue to provide home education via our provision in Google Classrooms, should you have questions or queries please contact [advice@rivers-aspirations.org](mailto:advice@rivers-aspirations.org)

Those parents of children eligible for Free School Meals should have received their vouchers for the holiday scheme, if you have not or have experienced any difficulty, please contact us at [advice@rivers-aspirations.org](mailto:advice@rivers-aspirations.org). (Additional information about the voucher system can be found in my letter of **1st April 2020** on our website at <https://go.aws/3bgrbQJ>)

Some solace can be drawn perhaps, from the countless acts of kindness and heroism nationally but also in our community in the past few weeks, many of which quietly took place 'behind the scenes'. These have ranged from sharing food parcels with vulnerable members of the community, making and delivering Personal Protective Equipment for



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medical staff, to working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that voucher schemes and IT systems operate. This, in addition to staff navigating new ways of teaching and working remotely to keep Rivers working for you whilst also at home in similar situations with their own families.

At times it might not feel heroic, but there are acts of heroism happening in each and every home. Families are staying home or continuing key work outside the home to defeat the pandemic, despite the challenges this poses, to protect both the NHS and other families.

Once again, thank you for acting in line with government advice, this has enabled us to keep our whole school community as safe as possible. I must stress that it is so important that you continue to do this over the coming days and weeks. Please stay safe.

Wishing you and your families the very best.

Yours faithfully,

Andria Singlehurst,  
Principal  
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*'To be able to dream about the future, while being inspired  
in the present to reach those dreams'* Dr. Russell J. Quaglia

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