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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Educational Provision

Our Educational Provision opened today in order to meet the requests of our families following the survey sent out last week. Due to changes in government recommendations about social distancing and changes in family circumstances, the demand for the provision has been significantly impacted and the provision at Aston is therefore not viable to run for the remainder of this week.

We recognise that as the national picture changes the demand for an educational provision will fluctuate but we must emphasise that the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why **the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

If your child's safety at home is in question and provision at school is his best option, please send us an email with your request two working days in advance. It is important to note that we may direct you to provision offered at another school within the Academy Trust. Our email address is edprovision@keaston.bham.sch.uk

Free School Meals

We are closing our kitchens from tomorrow and are sadly unable to offer free school meals for pupils this week. The Academy Trust is investigating how we can issue free school meal vouchers to families who need it and we will contact all families impacted by this as soon as a decision has been taken.

Please be aware that there are notifications on social media platforms asking parents to share bank details in order to receive free school meal funding during school closures. King Edward VI Aston is not requesting any bank details from parents under any circumstance.

Year 11 and 13 Examinations

GCSE and A Level exams have been cancelled and we are awaiting announcements from international examination boards regarding the IT A Level. As far as we understand the calculated grade process will take into account a range of evidence including, for example, non-exam assessment and mock results, and the approach will be standardised between schools and colleges. Final results will not purely be based upon predicted grades. Ofqual is working urgently with the exam boards to set out proposals for how this process

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will work and will be talking to teachers' representatives before finalising an approach, to ensure that the approach taken is as fair as possible.

Year 11 and 13 students are highly recommended to continue to complete their full courses and continue with their revision schedules at home until further notice.

Year 13 UCAS and Student Finance

In light of recent announcements around examinations, we understand that this will be a worrying time for you. I want to assure you that we are in close contact with UCAS, who are working with the government and exam boards to provide more detail and clarity. University representatives have already confirmed that they expect universities to be flexible and do all they can to support students and ensure they can progress to higher education.

As soon as we receive any further information, we will relay this to you. A number of universities have written to the school to ask that you be patient; they will be writing to you soon to offer virtual post-offer visit days, make decisions for those of you that are waiting and to reassure year 13 students.

Please do not rush into any decisions about form and insurance choices, at the moment the deadline of 5th May 2020 to make a decision still stands. We would however, encourage you to make your Student Finance Application via gov.uk/student-finance-register-login as this is a process that can take up to six weeks from start to finish.

For further information on examinations please see the government updates: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): cancellation of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2020](#)

Should you have any concerns regarding the information in this letter please get in touch with the school and we will do our best to support you.

Wishing our King Edward VI Aston families good health at this challenging time,

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