

Elizabeth Á Linney – Principal

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the Easter holidays, I wanted to write to you to advise you about the academy's position with regard to closure. You will be aware that the government plans to continue the current lockdown for the next three weeks, there will be a review at the end of this month.

This means that for the foreseeable future all schools will continue to remain closed to all pupils with the exception of children from key workers and those who are classed as vulnerable. **Please continue to keep your children at home unless they fall into one of these two categories.**

We will endeavour to continue to provide on-line education and ideas for home education over the next few weeks. Class Teachers will be setting home learning activities for your children from Reception to Year 6 using Google Classroom. If you are experiencing any issues accessing Google Classroom, please email the office office@oriel-aspirations.org and we will be happy to help. We will also from time to time signpost other ideas for home learning through ParentMail. **It is vitally important that you inform school immediately if you change your phone number or email address, we can then update our data system and ensure that you are receiving information as it is circulated.**

Those parents of children eligible for Free School Meals should have received government vouchers by now, if you have not, please contact the school office oriel@oriel-aspirations.org. You will be asked to complete a form which identifies whether you and your family qualify. If in any doubt it is best to fill in the form and submit it.

At the moment, the government has not provided any indication of when schools may reopen or how this will happen. We are in the process of planning for how this might be managed but will need to wait for clear guidance from 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.

We are currently operating a skeleton staff at school to adhere to government guidelines, but if you need to contact us please use the office email address or leave a message on the office telephone answering service **0208 894 9395**, we will get back to you as soon as possible. In an **emergency**, you can contact me on **07437 474 268**.

I do hope that you and your family are managing as well as can be expected in these difficult times.

Stay safe,



Mrs Elizabeth A Linney

Principal

