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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have been keeping well and safe.

I wrote to you last week about the proposed reopening date for schools which has been suggested to be 8th March. Obviously, with further news this week regarding the new COVID variant, this may change. Please be reassured that I will let you know any information on this as soon as I receive it. If you are living in the affected postcodes, please refer to advice issued by the Borough which can be found here https://www.ealing.gov.uk/news/article/2065/residents_urged_to_get_covid-19_tests.

For Year 11 and Year 13 students, the consultation about the 2021 Summer exams has now closed and we are expecting more information from Ofqual later this month. Once we have received this we will be in a better position to let you know what will be happening with your mock exams later this year and hopefully this will allay some of your raised anxieties and fears which you are experiencing at the moment.

Even with the part closure of the school, there have still been deadlines to meet and I am happy to report that all of our Year 13s have successfully submitted their UCAS applications for September 2021 entry. We wish them the very best of luck as their offers start to come in.

Well done to the 48 Year 7 students who have achieved a certificate of achievement in Stage 1 of the Year 7 Spelling Bee Competition. They will now go forward to represent the whole school. Further congratulations to the 90 students who won Stage 1 of the Translation Bee competition for 2021.

To those of you in receipt of Free School Meals, please read the attached letter from Ealing Council regarding the allocation of vouchers during the half-term.

I would like to remind Year 11 parents that parents' afternoon takes place on **Thursday 11th February** from **1:30pm – 6:00pm** and if you haven't already done so, please book your appointment on SchoolCloud. (see separate letter to Year 11 parents and carers).

Finally, a reminder that school will be closed from Monday February 15th to Friday February 19th inclusive for the half term break and there will be no online lessons during this period.

Please take the time to read the following further information given below.

- 1. Year 10 girl's HPV injections:** These will take place on **Tuesday 9th February**, at school, in room 016. Students will be texted their dedicated appointment time. Each student will receive their personal appointment time and date. Upon arrival at school they will have their temperature taken, hands sanitised and will need to keep their facial covering on at all times. If you would rather your child had their HPV at another time, you can arrange this with your GP, but please inform the school and email our Welfare Officer, Ms Rehman, before Tuesday 9th of your decision. For any further information and queries, please email Mr Adams on LAdams@villiers.ealing.sch.uk





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2. **Year 9 HPV injections:** These will take place on **Thursday 11th February**, at school, in room 016. We will be sending letters home to all Year 9 parents and carers to explain the HPV injection and requesting parental consent. Upon arrival at school they will have their temperature taken, hands sanitised and will need to keep their facial covering on at all times. They must bring their signed parental consent letter with them. If you would prefer your child to have their HPV at another time, you can arrange this directly with your GP. If you choose to do this, please inform the school and email our Welfare Officer, Ms Rehman, before Thursday 11th of your decision. For any further information and queries, please email Mr Adams on LAdams@villiers.ealing.sch.uk
3. **Children's Mental Health Week:** We have teamed up with BAFTA Kids and Oak National Academy to create a free assembly featuring pupils and well-known faces discussing the theme "Express Yourself". Hosted by Blue Peter's Lindsey Russell, and BBC Presenter and Place2Be Champion, Rhys Stephenson, the assembly is a great way to help children to explore the creative ways they can share their thoughts and feelings. The assembly features pupils from **Featherstone Primary School** and special guests include: award-winning author, **Sharna Jackson**, YouTuber and Campaigner, **Nikki Lilly**, Actor, **Matthew Lewis**, plus a special message from star of Doctor Who, **Jodie Whittaker**. To access the virtual assembly, please click here <https://youtu.be/zisXE4KILA>
4. **Broadway Living art competition:** If your child is interested in Art, they can join the Broadway Living's team (Ealing Council's housing development arm) art competition. They will need to produce a piece of artwork showcasing their favourite place in Ealing. Send entries to: info@propertyhouse.co.uk by Feb 15th. Winners will receive a £50 Amazon voucher, along with art supplies worth £250 for their school.

If you have any concerns or need to speak to someone, please email info@villiers.ealing.sch.uk.

I hope you have a good weekend and stay safe, healthy and positive.

Kindest regards.

Aruna Sharma
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Dear Parent or Carer,

Supermarket vouchers for February half term to support families over the winter period

I am writing to advise you that, if your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, then Ealing Council will be providing your household with additional financial support through the winter months.

You will receive supermarket vouchers before February half term to support you to meet food costs over the school holiday.

This is part of the Government's COVID Winter Grant Scheme. Ealing Council has been allocated approximately £1m to support to families with young children on low incomes who have been affected by the pandemic throughout the winter period.

A company called Blackhawk Network is administering the voucher scheme for Ealing Council at no cost to the council.

How much are the vouchers worth?

February voucher - £15 voucher per eligible pupil to cover half term plus an additional £30 per household to help with the cost of food so families have got more money to spend on utilities.

Please note that children in Reception to Year 2 who receive a free school meal under the universal infant free school meals scheme are not entitled to receive the vouchers. To be eligible, you must be entitled to a benefits-related free school meal due to your low family income.

How do I redeem the voucher?

1. Blackhawk Network will email you a 16-digit code. This will be sent to the email address we have on our records. Please keep an eye on your inbox and check your junk or spam folder. If we do not hold an email address for you, your code will be texted or posted to you.
2. When you have received your code, go to www.ealingcouncil.select-your-reward.co.uk
3. Type in your unique 16-digit code on the homepage and click 'Redeem'
4. Make your selection and click 'Checkout'

5. Enter a valid email address where your confirmation and voucher will be sent.
6. Review and accept the terms and conditions before placing your order.
7. Once you have placed your order, your voucher will be emailed to you within 24 hours.
8. You can use your voucher either online or in store

Where can I spend the voucher?

You can choose where you spend your voucher. The voucher can be used at the following retailers: Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose, M&S and Aldi. The voucher should be used to purchase food and should not be spent on non-essential items. Prices vary from one place to another so you might want to consider comparing prices for the items you need before deciding which supermarket to use.

Need help?

If you have any questions, please refer to the frequently asked questions on the website as these may provide the answer that you need: www.select-your-reward.co.uk/Faqs

If you have not received a voucher code by 15th February 2021, please check your junk or spam mailbox folder.

Otherwise, please complete the online contact form at www.select-your-reward.co.uk/ContactUs

Please do not contact your school directly regarding your vouchers.

Other support available

In addition to the vouchers to support families through the school holidays, Ealing Council has topped up the Local Welfare Assistance fund with an additional £130,000 to help anyone facing financial hardship as a result of Coronavirus.

Anyone struggling to meet food costs, cover their rent or purchase essential items can apply for financial assistance. To find more information or to make an application go to:

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201264/help_for_residents/2687/help_with_your_money/2

Yours faithfully,



Laurence Field
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