



# NOTTINGHAM GIRLS' ACADEMY

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skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with  
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Dear parent/carers

As we approach the end of the second week of school closure due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic and the beginning of the Easter Holiday, I wanted to provide some updates, wish you all well and thank you for your patience and support.

## Free School Meals

The parent of every child eligible for a free school meal should have now received a Tesco voucher to cover the period from 24 March to 3 April (inclusive).

These were distributed by email and then text message to anyone who did not have an email address registered with us. If you did not receive a voucher, we can try to resend you your unique weblink and code to redeem the voucher. See below on how to provide us with up-to-date contact email details.

The government have now introduced a national scheme that we will begin to use after Easter. This will be for £15 per week, per NGA pupil and will provide a greater choice for parents/carers as to the supermarket they are valid for. **To ensure you get the vouchers, it is essential that we have up-to-date contact email details for you.** Please see below on how to provide us with up-to-date contact email details.

## Contact Details

During this period of school closure, it is more important than ever for us to be able to contact parents to keep them updated.

Without correct and up-to-date contact details, we cannot send you personalised information such as FSM vouchers, examination results or school reports. Nor can we easily keep you updated on our plans for remote learning, the support available to you and your family or other school related activity.

Depending on what details we already have for you, we sent you either a text message or an email (or both) on Wednesday evening. This is a link to an online form that will allow you to update the details we hold for you. If you need to, I would be grateful if you could complete this as soon as possible.

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## Remote Learning

We want to make sure your daughter is able to carry on her learning as best as possible through this very difficult time.

Although we have provided links and resources for work, it has not always been easy for pupils (or their parents) to know exactly what they should be doing. Sometimes, it has also been too hard for pupils to get feedback or help on what they are learning and I know some families have also found it difficult to access the materials.

We are therefore working hard to improve this.

After Easter, we will contact you again with more details of our new and improved remote learning provision!

This will include help guides for you and your daughter on what work needs to be done, how to access it, how to get help with it and how to share it with teachers so it can be checked.

We are trying to ensure that the quantity of work is not overwhelming and that it can be completed as flexibly as possible to fit around your circumstances at home.

We are also trying to make the work as accessible as possible - almost all of it should be possible to complete using just a smartphone.

## Well-Being

At a time when we all have to keep our distance from one another and stay inside as much as possible, finding ways to stay physically active, as well as looking after our mental well-being is absolutely vital.

Accompanying this letter are some resources that you might find useful for you and your family.

## Examination Results and Returning to Normal Business

As I write, I am still awaiting final details from Ofqual as to how grades for Year 11 and Year 13 pupils will be awarded this summer and what information they require from schools to be able to do this. At this stage, we also don't know how grades will be provided to pupils. I know this is an anxious time, but as soon as we are able to give you further details we will.

All I can promise is that we will find a way for our current Year 11 and 13 pupils to have the final assemblies and prom that mark the end of such key moments in their lives.

The same is true about when schools are going to be able to go back to normal operation; we just don't know. As soon as we know, we will be in touch with details

## Thank you

Finally, I just wanted to say thank you for the patience and support you have shown us over the last couple of weeks.

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As well as trying to support home schooling - probably with subjects you haven't studied since school yourselves - many of you are also juggling working from home, caring for vulnerable relatives and managing the now stressful every-day tasks such as shopping. Hopefully, by improving the way our remote learning works, we can take some of that stress off your shoulders.

We are also trying really hard to make sure the other things we do are in the best interests of our pupils and their families. Some of the things we have tried to put in place may have taken too long or felt like they were not helping as much as we first hoped. For that we are truly sorry, but I hope you can see that we are learning, responding and constantly trying to improve things.

As well as to our pupils, I have a responsibility to my staff. This has meant helping as many of them as possible observe the social distancing measures put in place by the government. I would like to say a huge thank you to those parents/carers who have found ways to avoid the use of our Critical Workers provision at Nottingham Academy. This has allowed us to keep more pupils at home and staffing to a minimum - protecting the NHS and saving lives in the process.

Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones!

Yours faithfully



**Mr D Tungate**  
**Principal**

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