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Dear students

As you know, the Covid-19 virus has been declared a 'global pandemic' by the World Health Organisation. The UK government is encouraging people to self-isolate where possible to reduce the growing rates of infection so that the wonderful emergency services in our country can deal with all of the sick people. Doctors, nurses, care workers and others who provide healthcare in society can't self-isolate so it is our responsibility to do what we can to support them.

Young people your age do not seem to be suffering from the virus as much as others, but you may well be carrying the virus even if you don't have any symptoms. It is important to remember that you are STILL able to get the virus and pass it on, even without symptoms. It is also important to keep yourself clean and eat healthily during this time and if you start to exhibit any symptoms, follow the advice on <https://www.nhs.uk>.

The government has now confirmed that our school will be closed to the majority of students until further notice. This means staying at home to study during your usual school hours. Do not go out with your friends, do not socialise or hang around on the streets or in other places but stay at home to do your bit to limit the risks to the vulnerable members in our community. Do not turn up to the school to see teachers, collect work or for any other reason. This is a national emergency and you need to take the circumstances seriously.

Your amazing teachers at Little Ilford School have spent a long time producing work tasks for you, in order to minimise the potential negative effects on your education whilst we deal with this emergency situation. Please respect their time and effort by completing the work to the best of your ability and taking responsibility to be an independent learner as best as you can. Some things for you to note:

- All of the work and the instructions are available on the school website in the 'Parents and Students' area. Then click on 'Student' and look for the tab that says 'Online Home Learning', where you can find all of the plans your teachers have created. Download and follow these plans and you will be able to find the relevant online resources or Google classroom codes.
- You will need to have school supplies at home - pens, pencils, exercise books, paper, textbooks etc so you may need to pick some up after school this afternoon.
- Use the online resources that your teachers recommend and complete the tasks they have set.

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- Try to follow a daily timetable of the lessons that you would usually have. For example, complete English tasks during your usual English lessons and Maths tasks during your usual Maths lessons and so on, which will allow you to manage your time wisely.
- If you have any issues accessing any of the information, contact your teachers (the plans on the website show you how to do this). Don't use excuses like 'I couldn't find it' or 'the link doesn't work'.
- If you do encounter any problems, try your best to find solutions and avoid making excuses for poor performance - this is an important life skill!

Finally, we know this is a difficult and anxious time for everyone. If you are worrying or feeling stressed by this situation, please search 'NHS every mind matters' for tips on how to cope during this time.

We thank you and your parents in advance for your cooperation. We will communicate with you about when the school will reopen through the school website, so please check in daily.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wilson/Ms Marriott
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