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Dear Parent / Carer

The school has been incredibly busy over the last few weeks. We have around 30 children at school each day and they are doing very well - we are really proud to support key workers in this way. Staff at school work on a rota teaching them and the children have a different timetable each week. We have also been delivering food parcels to members of our community who have told us they need help and you may also have seen staff as they delivered your children's text books. We have provided and delivered Chiswick School children over 100 laptops to enable them to access work. Chiswick School was open over the Easter holiday and the bank holidays and we will be here over half term. We have also looked after children from other schools. I want to thank staff at the school who are all still working hard as well as looking after their own families in these challenging times.

Our Year 12 students are continuing to receive some live teaching and staff are setting work for Year 10 so that they can keep studying towards their GCSE courses. It is lovely to see how engaged our KS3 children are and that the CGP workbooks are well received. Teachers have been working to adapt their curriculum to adapt it for when children return to school. Thank you to all the parents who responded to our latest survey and I will write to you next week with the changes we are making to our online teaching and learning policy for next half term.

We learnt on Sunday that, from June 1st, it is the Government's wish that Year 10 and Year 12 students have some interaction with their teachers to supplement their remote studies. Over the next week we will be discussing this with teachers and parents and working through the guidance. I will be writing to Year 10 and 12 parents/carers once we have more information about what this will entail.

Thank-you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend the first PTA Parents Forum to be held online. We discussed what has been happening at school in the last few weeks, listened to feedback and answered questions on online learning, plans for Y6 and Y11 transition, plans for a possible reopening of the school to Y10s and Y12s and parent contact groups amongst other topics. The minutes will be circulated separately by the PTA via ParentMail.

Cameron Parker, the motivational speaker who has been working with our students, held a parent webinar this week. He is very keen to provide the opportunity for parents to discuss issues and ideas spoken about in his work with the school, and has set up a Facebook group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2639928692894853> All are welcome to join, even if you haven't participated in the webinars.

The Hounslow School Nursing Team are sending out a newsletter to address different health themes relevant to the current situation, and we are attaching the first two newsletters (Healthy Eating, Sleep Well) to this ParentMail.

The Riana Development Network, a locally based charity, are planning to publish an anthology entitled "Voices of Riana." They are inviting students between the age of 8-14b to submit their artistic response to:

"How did the COVID-19 affect you, your loved ones or the communities around you? Share with us all those bitter and sweet moments when you are at home during the lockdown."

They will accept poems, short stories, visual artworks, photographs and videos. The deadline for submission is 31st May, and more information can be found in the attached flyer.

With best wishes to you and your families

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