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Dear Families and Students

National Lockdown

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, I am writing to confirm that each Dixons academy will be open only for the children of critical workers, and also for other identified students whom we shall be contacting. These arrangements will continue at least until the end of our holiday in February. You can find a full list of critical workers on the .gov website, or [here](#) if you are viewing this letter online. If you have not already registered with us as a critical worker, please do so at <https://www.dixonsat.com/about/critical>.

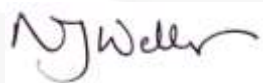
All our other students will be provided with home learning. Learning is valuable in its own right and for students' development, not just as preparation for tests or grades. It is important for students' mental health to establish good learning habits and a regular routine during what would otherwise be a school day. As before, we will be in regular contact with students during this period, and it is important that you share any well-being concerns if they arise.

Students in examination years should be aware that, while grades will be awarded "differently" this year, exams themselves have not yet been cancelled and there may be some form of testing this summer. You need to take responsibility for your own studies, and be as well prepared as possible for whatever arrangements are put in place later in the year.

We shall continue to provide vouchers for children who are entitled to free school meals but who are not entitled to attend at this time.

This is all we know at the moment. We shall write to you again if national guidance changes, as it often does at this time.

Yours sincerely



Sir Nick Weller
CEO