



8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have been keeping well and staying safe. In order to protect the NHS and yourselves, please remind your child to wear a facial covering when visiting shops etc. and only leave the house if it is absolutely necessary. They should also maintain social distance of 2mtrs and wash / sanitise their hands frequently.

We are delighted to be able to keep the school open for those children who are supported by a social worker, who are ‘looked after’ or who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) as well as children of critical workers.

We have issued laptops to those children who do not have access at home and our teaching staff are providing online teaching. We will also be issuing hard copies of work packs to be completed to some students in Years 7, 8 and 9 in the coming week.

Those families whose children are entitled to Free School Meals should note that the school is preparing packs of meals each day which can be collected from school between 12:30pm – 1:30pm.

Please take the time to read the very important information below.

## **1. Support with online learning:**

If you need technical assistance with your child’s online learning, please fill in [this form](#), or email [support@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:support@villiers.ealing.sch.uk)

For further details about the school’s online learning strategy, please click [here](#).

It is important that your child gets up at their usual time ready for school, has a healthy breakfast and has a comfortable, quiet place to be able to get on with their work. Make sure they have a break mid-morning, a lunch break and finish by around 3.30pm. Please also ensure they get up and walk around during their breaks and take a longer walk after their work has finished.

They should not have the television on in the background and, where possible, mobile phones (unless this is the device they are working from) should be switched off and not in the same room.

For advice on how to keep your child safe online, please click [here](#).

If you are having difficulty establishing any of these routines, please contact your child’s Head of Year for advice and support.

## **2. Mental Health / School Counsellor:**

Anna Freud is one of the leading Mental Health organisations and charities. Please access their website and for info for Parents, about how you can continue to support your child’s Mental health, as well as your own. For students, the “On my mind” section has lots of useful info about how they can access info, support, tips and advice about their mental health: <https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/>



# Villiers

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In addition, for any student who feels their mental health is deteriorating, they can access Anna Freud's AFC Crisis Messenger text service, which is a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or is struggling to cope. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who will work with you to take your next steps towards feeling better.

They can help with issues such as anxiety, worry, panic attacks, bullying and depression and are available to talk to, at any time of day.

If you need support, you can text AFC to 85258.



Please don't hesitate to anonymously contact the email address [Needtotalk@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:Needtotalk@villiers.ealing.sch.uk) if you wish to anonymously speak to a member of staff at Villiers and you can, of course, continue to speak to your Form Tutor, Deputy Head of Year, Head of Year and the safeguarding team if you are worried about your own, or another students' Health and Safety.

**The school Counsellor:** The school Counsellor is available 5 days per week. On Mondays and Tuesdays, she will be on school site offering face-to-face counselling sessions for students, by appointment only (social distancing and face coverings will be worn at all times). For the rest of the week, telephone, email and virtual video sessions are available by appointment only for staff and students. If you wish to speak to our school Counsellor, please email her on [GNoel@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:GNoel@villiers.ealing.sch.uk).

### **3. Lateral Flow testing consent:**

If you haven't already done so, please take the time to complete the consent form for Covid-19 lateral flow testing which can be found here.>> [Consent Form](#). You will need to complete one form for each child.

### **4. DfE funded additional mobile data:**

The Department for Education has teamed up with several leading mobile network providers to help disadvantaged children get online by increasing their mobile data allowances for free. The school can make an application to request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Please respond **only** if your child is experiencing any of the above difficulties by completing the survey here>> [Additional mobile data](#).

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks may be eligible:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile





The data increase allows users to connect other devices to the internet via a mobile phone so children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

## How to request a mobile data increase

For each request, we need to know:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)

Please complete this survey if you think that you qualify >> [Additional mobile data.](#)

Those affected by the offer need to understand how we'll use their personal information.

### **Privacy statement**

1. For the purposes of data protection, we need to let you know that the Department for Education (DfE) is running the Mobile Network Offer through schools and their trusts or local authorities.
  2. If the offer is taken up by an adult account holder, the school or social care team will share the account holder's name and mobile phone details with the DfE, who will share these with the relevant mobile network operator.
  3. The mobile network operator will use that information to increase the data available for the account holder's mobile device, as long as they qualify for the offer.
  4. The adult account holder's personal data is only shared with their mobile network operator for the purposes of the offer. No names of children or other adults, other than adult account holder, are shared with the DfE or the mobile network operator.
  5. No personal information will be shared with the DfE if you do not want to take up the offer.
  6. If you want to know more about how your personal information will be used before you take up the offer, we can send that to you first.
  7. If you decide to take up the offer, you'll get a text message from the Department for Education with more information about your data protection rights.
- If the account holder wants to receive some written information first, you can send them a link to our [privacy information](#).

### **5. Students' emails / communication:**

We would ask all parents to remind their children to please check their school email accounts as well as their google classroom accounts on a daily basis.

Pupils/students will be receiving important messages as well as work and they need to keep up to date with any communications that we send.

### **6. Life in Lockdown Competition 2021:**

Our first Lockdown Literacy competition for all students is "Life in Lockdown". Your child will need to reflect on the world around them and their experiences of lockdown and respond creatively – a poem, short story, short film, animation, art work or photography collection (or something we haven't thought of!)

All entries must be in a digital format and should be sent to [librarian@villiers.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:librarian@villiers.ealing.sch.uk) by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January.



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Please open the links below to access lots of creative ideas & activities in a wide range of subjects for students and parents.

<https://www.sla.org.uk/school-closure-resources>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/zone-in/>

Kindest regards.

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