

25th March 2020

Dear students

I never thought I would be in a position where I would be writing a letter like this to you. Firstly, I hope you and your families are well and you are looking after each other. I know the schools' behaviour policy probably isn't your main focus at the moment but I would like to bring to your attention the importance of this. The three key principles of our behaviour policy are to be respectful, responsible and safe. Where are you on the pyramid? It is now more important than ever before to be at the top of the pyramid because we all have a vital role to play in our communities. We all need to be respectful, responsible and safe because that is who you we are and it is what we must be every day.

Here are some useful reminders for you:

Respectful – remember to follow instructions from your parents on the first time of asking, be kind to yourself and your family, thank each other and smile! Even during these very difficult times we should still be able to enjoy ourselves; we just have to do it differently.

Responsible – make sure you stay inside, do not meet your friends. Covid 19 might not affect you personally but you could be a carrier and might infect others. Think about your family and the families of others – be responsible, adopt social distancing and stay inside! Wash your hands regularly. The Covid 19 virus has a very weak outer layer that can be broken down by soap and water. The country is now relying on you to be responsible, never have we needed this more from you and I know you will not let the country down.

Safe – think about your own safety but also the safety of others. Stay inside! We are fortunate to live in a world where technology allows us to connect with family and friends who do not live with us. Even my Dad managed to skype us today! Amazing! You also need to be safe on the internet. Make sure you know who you are talking to - be cyber safe.

I know in assemblies and around school I have said to you that these three key areas will be important to you for the rest of your life. They are absolutely vital now in keeping you, your family and the nation as safe as possible from this virus.

In terms of your learning, remember to keep going with your studies. Learning is such an important skill, knowledge will bring you opportunities in the future. Keep in touch with your teachers. I know many of you are doing this already. This way of learning will become our new normal for the foreseeable future. Try to set up a timetable that is similar to your usual school one but you might want to add in more breaks and more sessions of physical activity for variety.

We do not know when school will re-open but we will always be here for you. If you have any concerns about your welfare or the welfare of another person get in touch via enquiries@easingwold.outwood.com and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

I also ask that you follow us on facebook and twitter. We share a lot of information through these pages. We would like you to share your experiences of learning from home too.

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There will be a series of competitions coming up that we would like you to take part in; I am excited to see what you are doing.

Most importantly for now though is making sure we stay safe (stay at home!) and we look after each other. I will keep in touch with you all over the coming weeks either by letter, face book, twitter or text.

Your faithfully

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