Dear families,

We are writing to connect with you during this uncertain time and assure you we are with you, working for you and your students daily to make this time as productive and healthy as possible. We recognize the stress and pressure the current situation puts on all of us, and want you to remember that our community is now and will always be a place to turn for support and guidance as you navigate forward.

Last week, Governor Baker shared that **Massachusetts schools will remain closed until May 4th at the earliest.** This news brings a range of emotions and many questions for all of us who so desperately want to return a sense of normalcy in our lives. We will get there, and until we are there, we will continue to work with you to create the best way forward possible for our young people.

In the coming weeks, clarity about our support is going to be key. In order to provide you that, please take a look at some frequently asked questions and responses below.

1. **What should learning for my student look like while school is closed?**

   At Codman, we are grateful to have incredibly dedicated staff who go above and beyond to provide an outstanding education, daily. In times of crisis, this does not waver. Our instructional team has worked tirelessly to create and launch a remote learning plan that allows for continued engagement and growth. We enlist your support in encouraging the young learner in your family to take advantage of this opportunity and dig into the material provided.

2. **My student needs a chromebok to access remote learning, how can I get that?**

   Since school closed we’ve distributed over 150 Chromebooks to Codman students and are working to put additional Chromebooks in the hands of students who need them. Please contact Melita Garrett (mgarrett@codmanacademy.org or x101) in order to arrange for pickup.

3. **My student receives Special Education support. How will they access these supports while school is closed?**

   Our Special Education Coordinator, Lauren Robinson (lrobinson@codmanacademy.org or x101) and the Special Education team have been working diligently to connect with all families about access to learning. We have had some great success with online sessions! Please reach out to her ASAP if you have not heard and/or have additional questions.
4. My family is in need of **additional resources** during this time (financial/food/childcare). How can Codman help us?

   Our Social Worker, Raika Nasirullah ([masirullah@codmanacademy.org](mailto:masirullah@codmanacademy.org) or x101) is actively working with organizations to ensure our families have the most up to date information on resources throughout the city. Reach out to her if you are interested in more information.

In support of the academic plans in place, our culture team has an impressive incentive plan for families. Look out for an email from the team in the coming days and we encourage your participation! As you know, the greatest incentive is always the learning itself and the access that provides to the world.

We will continue to be in touch as information becomes available and provide updates via our website [www.codmanacademy.org](http://www.codmanacademy.org) and specifically the *For Families: COVID-19 Information and Updates* page. We wish you health and peace and encourage you to reach out directly and frequently during this time and always.

Best,

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