

19th May 2020

Dear parents

Teaching and Learning Update

I wanted to update you on some developments on our approach to teaching and learning as the period of school closure continues.

'Small school'

Our small school continues to operate every weekday from 10am - 2pm. This provision is for students who fall into three categories:

- a) Students whose parents are key workers
- b) Students who have an EHCP, an allocated social worker or classed as otherwise vulnerable by the academy
- c) Students whose parents who have now returned to work in approved settings and where no viable alternative for home schooling exists

Please update us if you consider that your context meets these criteria and you wish to benefit from this service

Planned phased return

You are about to receive a letter updating you on our next steps to move towards partially re-opening for face-to-face teaching. Please read this letter and complete the attached survey which will help with our planning.

Revised online delivery

Following a range of staff training episodes we have delivered remotely, along with some useful parental feedback, we are expanding our offer of live (or recorded) lessons for Year 10 students from 18th May. We've planned a staffing timetable for this to happen, so that students are not disadvantaged by simultaneous live 'broadcasts'. Students need to continue to consult google classroom, which is our vehicle for organising our online teaching. We are planning a further extension to this delivery in the week commencing 1 June.

Online assembly

I am recording an assembly for Year 10 students this week with useful information about the time ahead and look forward to meeting the students in person when we can ensure that it is as safe as possible to do so. We are also looking at the feasibility of a 'live' assembly for Year 10 students in the near future. As ever, thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support though this period. It means a lot to us all. We also appreciate all of your efforts to support home learning.

Yours sincerely



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