

Arrangements for students on school site during closure

Thank you for your support in keeping your child at home, if at all possible. Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, has urged parents/carers to **only send their children to school if you have to, because your work is critical to the national Covid-19 response.**

All our parents and carers have taken note of this advice which has resulted in us being able to operate a small skeleton staff to minimise social contact between your child, their peers and my colleagues. This is becoming even more essential following the recent Government action to reduce social contact further through the closing of gyms, pubs, restaurants and other public places, and to practise strict social distancing. **If you have not yet seen the Sky T24 news report from Bergamo Hospital, Lombardy Province, in Italy, I would urge you to.**

We now have the necessary details of the students who will be on site this week beginning Monday 23 March. This means we are able to put a number of safeguarding measures in place for both students and staff. **I would stress the need for all parents/carers to read out these measures to their child before they come onto school site tomorrow.**

Safeguarding measures in place:

1. Core hours for the morning session will be 8.20am - 12.30pm, and afternoon session 12.00 – 3.00pm. Breakfast snack is 8.20am – 8.50am. Lunch is 12.00 – 12.30pm. During the day students are generally expected to be using computers or tablets to access Google Classroom, like their peers at home. There will be the occasional enrichment activity during the day.
2. The school site will be secured as usual to safeguard students.
3. Students will need to register in Reception. They will be expected to sit at least 2 metres away from one another throughout the day.
4. Each morning we will remind them of the Public Health advice about social distancing, regular hand washing and not making physical contact with others.
5. Students must sit well apart from one another in each educational space, to follow guidelines regarding social-distancing whilst in school.
6. Lunch time students will be able to sit in the dining area for lunch and go into the school yard for some 'fresh air'. Again, they will be reminded of being at a suitable distance from one another whilst not leaving this area for ease of supervision.
7. Staff will also be following Government advice on social distancing and students should be mindful of this. We are operating a staff rota each day, therefore students will be supervised by a variety of staff members throughout the week.
8. Students collecting a free school meal take-away packed lunch should arrive between 12.30 – 1.00pm and maintain a safe distance between each other and wait patiently during distribution. Please do not gather together, and once collected leave the site maintaining a 2m distance from other students. They will be a paper survey to complete, regarding future meal choices. Please bring your own pen/pencil to complete the survey.

Thank you for your support in keeping both your children and our staff safe whilst the school remains open for vulnerable students and critical worker children.

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Principal