



24 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid-19 update 24 March 2020

I am writing to confirm that the arrangements we established on Monday 23 March 2020 have still been in place today and will remain so until such a time that the Government issue a directive to do otherwise.

Once again, we had pupils in mainstream completing work on Teams and we had pupils in our DSP completing a range of learning activities. Our catering team, Innovate have been in doing a deep clean of the kitchens as well as providing meals for pupils in school, producing meal packs for pupils on free school meals which were delivered today by members of our teaching staff. In addition, Innovate have begun to prepare fifteen-day food hampers in case there is an escalation in the actions by the Government. Such large-scale hampers posed a challenge in how to package them; a phone call to Asda and Danielle on Customer Services organised over fifty cardboard fruit and vegetable boxes for us to collect this afternoon. We aim to have the hampers ready for distribution this week.

I appreciate there continues to be a lack of certainty in the Government representatives giving a clear message. Parents and carers may find information at the following link helpful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

Re: Work on Teams

I appreciate that some users may be still having difficulty accessing Teams; I know our IT Operations Manager has issued guidance on access to applications; this is information produced by Microsoft as access to Teams is sometimes problematic due to the international use of the system; I appreciate your patience as we refine our use of Teams. Once again, I wish to stress that we do not expect our pupils to be following a timetabled day as if they were in school. The work has been set in blocks by each subject and we anticipate that pupils will choose which subjects they want to work on during any given day at a time that fits within a household's use of the internet. The "Hand in" function of Teams means that completed work is submitted to members of staff to access.

As I receive more information, I will update all parents and carers, so you are aware of the impact the current situation is having on all areas of the school. Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher