

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS29th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the theoretical (and largely remote) start of Term 6 there have been a few updates from the Government around the re-opening of schools so I just wanted to update our community on our response.

Keyworker and Vulnerable Provision – our daily provision for children of keyworkers (as defined by the Government) and those deemed vulnerable returns to be based at Bristol Met from Monday 1st June. We have sent separate communications to those we are expecting based on contact from families. Students attending **do not** have to wear uniform as they must wear clean clothes each day. **No catering** provision is currently open on site so students will need to bring packed lunch, drinks and snacks. As more workforces are encouraged to return to places of work we are having to implement more oversight of access to this provision to ensure adequate numbers of staff and resources each day. If you are therefore needing to access this provision and haven't previously notified us of attendance please do make contact with your child's House Team. We will try and support as many keyworker families as possible with the resources we have available but thank you for your patience and understanding. If we contact you to ask questions around keyworker status or access please do not be offended. We are being asked by the Government to make a daily return of information of those in attendance and reasons for use of the provision so may need to make enquiries with families if we do not already have the information recorded. From Monday Reception will be staffed again each day between 9am and 3pm so please **call** on 0117 3772071 or **Email** info@bristolmet.net. *Please only visit the site if it is absolutely necessary.*

'Term 6' – Remote Learning starts back on Monday on ShowMyHomework. Please do ask your child what work they have been set and what work they have completed. If your child has any issues accessing the provision or any work please do ask them to email their Tutor or subject teacher depending on the concern. We want to support students and families to the best of our abilities with the resources we have. If you have requested paper based work because your child has no way to access online learning we will continue to provide this from subjects when needed but printed workbooks have been provided which should cover most work for the remainder of this Academic year. Again, if you have previously requested paper based resources but now do not require them please let us know so we can reduce the demand on production of these.

Face-to-face provision for Year 10 only – On Bank Holiday Monday PM Johnson announced that Year 10 students were now not to return to school sites until Monday 15th June and when they do to be limited to a maximum of 25% of the students at any one time. We are therefore having to re-write some of our initial plans and will communicate separately to Year 10 families next week. Unfortunately no other secondary aged year groups have featured in any Government updates and therefore I think realistically we have to prepare for the likelihood that students currently in Years 7 to 9 are not going to be back on site before the Summer break. Of course if this position changes we will be in touch.

The Government have also published some guidance and ideas for parents to support young people in this time of remote learning/distance learning which may be of use. It can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

We are acutely aware that there are a mixture of emotions with regards the reopening of schools. Some families are wanting to be back as soon as possible and are being told they cannot. Some will be eligible to return on the 15th June and will be nervous about doing so. I just wanted to assure you that you must make the decision that feels best for your family at this current time and it will be without judgement from us as an Academy. Over the coming weeks we are likely to contact Year 10 families in particular to engage in planning and discussions about attendance and ask for your engagement and support with these conversations to help us plan. It is new for all of us and each update brings some information, but also often many questions for us to address. I just want to assure families that we are doing everything we can within the Government current guidance to offer a safe and quality provision for our community.



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As always, I hope all of our community remains well and safe and thank you for your continued support, patience, understanding and kindness shown during this situation.

Finally, a reminder you can still watch 'Everybody needs Somebody' from 'Blues Brothers'. here:

<https://vimeo.com/419663256> and 'Mr Blue Sky' here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-zDI18rMGU>

Yours sincerely

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