

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all in good spirits and good health. As promised, I will continue to write to you throughout the general closure period, to keep you updated in relation to resources that you can access, our processes for remote learning and any new Government guidance.

Partial opening and the Easter Holidays Provision

We have continued to remain open this week in order to provide supervision for identified vulnerable groups and the children of key workers. We would like to thank all our families for only utilising this provision when absolutely necessary and for helping us in turn to keep our community safe. We currently have no parents who wish to access the provision over the Easter period, though we will remain on call and open to support our families should circumstances change.

Should you as a keyworker or the parent of a child within the vulnerable group criteria, require the provision over the coming two weeks as an emergency therefore, please could we ask you to inform us at least 24 hours before the provision is required, where possible. This will enable us to ensure that our on-call team of staff are available at the necessary times. You can contact the school regarding this via the main school email generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

Remote Learning

Over the Easter break, teachers will continue to set work for your child via Google Classroom. As is standard during normal school holidays, rather than day to day lessons, this 'Easter' work will be in the form of a homelearning activity that your child will be asked to complete and submit by Monday 20th April. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring that your child is able to continue with their studies independently at home. We continue to be amazed at some of the wonderful work that is being produced and the high level of engagement and motivation shown by our students.

News for exam groups

After a very unsettling time for our exam students, Ofqual have today released further guidance on how students' grades will be calculated in order that they receive their exam results scheduled for this summer. This will facilitate any applications to Sixth Form, Further Education, Colleges or Universities. I attach Ofqual's letter giving further details which may answer any questions you have regarding this matter.

I would like to reassure Year 11 students that they have all been registered on our system for a provisional place in the Sixth Form next year. We want all of our Year 11 students to know that they are very important to us and we ask them to hold onto a few important things during this unprecedented time:

- The work that they have done over the past few years will give them a great base from which to continue their studies into the Sixth Form, with or without an exam

- The work that they continue to do at home, via google classroom, will further support them, especially in those subjects that they are hoping to study next year. Please encourage them to message, via google classroom, their class teachers for these subjects, to ensure that we can support them further as they prepare for Sixth Form and beyond.

We fully understand how difficult this time has been for our Year 11 and Year 13 students and would like to reassure them all, that we will support them in every way possible to ensure that they can pursue the future pathway of their choice.

Free School Meals

For all our parents / carers entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), we have now signed up to the Government's national scheme. We are sending e-codes for £15, via e-mail, to all parents today with guidance notes on how these can be activated and used. These will then be sent on a weekly basis. These vouchers can be used in Sainsburys, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose and M+S Food. Please note these vouchers expire after one month.

If you do not have access to e-mail, are struggling to activate your e-code or are experiencing particular hardship at the moment, please contact the school on 07401 360043 / generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk

Daily Worship Resources

You should now have, via the school website, access to a daily worship resource. We trust that you will find this useful. Ms Dougherty our Chaplain is praying for every member of our extended school community daily through this closure period. Please do let us know if you are suffering from a loss so that we can support you in any way possible. Please be assured that our thoughts and prayers are very much with you all as we adjust to this new way of living and learning.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tammy Day

Headteacher