



Bishop Stopford's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw closer to the end of this half term, I would like to congratulate all of our students, families and teachers on their outstanding efforts to embrace online learning. Our surveys show that despite the extenuating circumstances our students continue to flourish. We have all had to adapt and adjust quickly and our community has risen to the challenge.

Not being able to see each other face to face may have presented some challenges, but our interactions and communications online and particularly through Google Classroom have ensured that we have been well connected as an extended family. We have listened to each other, supported each other and we are stronger than ever as a result.

REMOTE LEARNING

As per the letter sent to you on 29th January, our remote learning offer is available for you to view on our website by following the link below. You can access all the details of what we are offering, how we are delivering blended learning and our expectations for participation.

<http://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/remote-education/>

We are pleased to inform you that the distribution of devices to our students has been overwhelmingly successful. We have sourced devices from the Government, but have also been very fortunate to receive devices and monetary contributions from various charities including:- Help the Head, The Bishop Stopford's Trust, Jubilee Church and significant individual financial contributions from members of the Bishop Stopford's community. These contributions have made a real difference to our students and their ability to access learning and as a School, we extend heartfelt thanks to all those supporting us.

If you are a family whose circumstances have changed, or your child is still without a device, unable to connect to the internet, or is experiencing technical issues, please do get in touch with us via their Head of Year so that we can support you in resolving this.

SUMMER EXAMS UPDATE AND SIXTH FORM RECRUITMENT

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

The Government have announced that it will not be possible for all exams to go ahead as normal this summer and they produced a consultation document, which you will all have access to via [Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/consultations/how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021) to help support them in deciding upon the process and evidence that will be used to inform the grading of qualifications for summer 2021. At present, we do not have the details of the outcome of this consultation or full insight into proposals on how students in exam groups will be assessed. We will update you once the Government publishes findings from the consultations to ensure that you and your child have greater clarity with regards to how grades will be awarded. It is very important that students in Year 11, 12 and 13 continue to engage with all learning and assessments to give them the best possible chance of achieving the highest grades. We continue to offer them a high quality education, to ensure that they are in a strong position to meet the expectations required for the grading process.

As your child begins to think about the next phase of their education, we welcome their application to our Sixth Form. Our Sixth Form prospectus and Sixth Form video is available for you to view on our website.

By following the link <http://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/sixth-form/prospectus-and-applications/> students can access advice on how to apply and the entry requirements for all courses. We offer a broad range of subjects and qualifications at Key Stage 5, and have adapted our curriculum to ensure that there is an offer for everyone and an opportunity for all of our students to follow their chosen future pathway.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As part of Enfield Council's Winter Response Scheme, free school meal vouchers will continue over the half term break. These are for £15 per child and you should receive the voucher code next week. We are continuing to use the Edenred Scheme for this. Please redeem your voucher code at www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk. There are eleven retailers participating in the scheme and you get to choose which one you want to spend your vouchers with when you redeem your e-code. Please contact the school on either generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk or 0208 804 1906 if you do not receive your code or if you need any help redeeming.

HALF TERM CLOSURE

In school provision will close for all students as over February half-term and will re-open only to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers on Monday 22nd February 2021 at 8.35am. All parents anticipating use of the in school provision for the week beginning 22nd February should contact us through generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk to book a place. We need this information by Friday 12th February 2021 at the latest to help us plan.

CONTACT TRACING OVER THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for those pupils and staff who continue to attend in the school face to face provision; this remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Where pupils or staff still attend their school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. However, where pupils or staff still attending their school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. In this instance we ask that staff, parents and carers contact by emailing generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk.

Staff responsible for contact tracing will not be on-call at all times and will be available each morning at 10am to receive notification of positive cases and advise close contacts to self-isolate (this will be done by text or email).

RAPID TESTING

No Lateral Flow testing will take place in school over half term, but we will be preparing to test more members of the community as we gradually return to the normal working environment.

You will have received a letter from the school on the 4th January, outlining the procedure for mass testing together with information with regard to consent for the Lateral Flow test (LFD) and a privacy notice. It is important that we receive consent from all parents in order for us to undertake mass testing, if required by the Government on our anticipated phased return to face to face to face teaching on the 8th March 2021. If you have yet to complete this please ensure that you do so to support us in getting back to our normal way of working.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a safeguarding concern within school hours, please send an email to generaloffice@bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk requesting a safeguarding call from one of our safeguarding team who will respond to you as soon as possible. Please do not put details of your concerns in that email. If the concern is outside of school hours, or an immediate safeguarding concern please click ChildrensMASH@enfield.gov.uk for support from the Safeguarding Enfield Partnership or click <https://www.kooth.com/urgent-support> to access urgent support from a crisis service.



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STUDENT WELLBEING

Please note that we have added links to some new resources on our website and in the Google Classrooms for students to do with Student Wellbeing and Mental Health. There are some comprehensive links to numerous sites that provide guidance and support to young people and parents/carers about wellbeing and mental health. The links can be found here and the main poster follows within this letter.

<http://www.bishopstopfords.enfield.sch.uk/mental-health-guidance/>

Finally, I want to wish you a peaceful and restful half term holiday. I am sure that you will all enjoy time away from your screens and perhaps you might indulge in some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. I will of course be updating you with information as and when I receive it through our usual channels. I do hope that we will all be back in school face to face from the 8th March 2021, but this will be determined by the rate of transmission of the virus and the Government's ability to vaccinate for COVID 19. Until then stay home, stay safe and support us in reducing the spread of the virus.

Very best wishes.



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Web links for Student Wellbeing

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| Childline https://www.childline.org.uk/ Support for young people for any issues you may have | Young Minds https://youngminds.org.uk/ Tips, advice and guidance on where you can get support for your mental health during the coronavirus |
| CAMHS https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/ Resources for young people to help support your mental health and well-being. | Mind https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/ How to take care of your wellbeing during COVID-19 |
| Kooth https://www.kooth.com/ Free, safe and anonymous support for young people about mental health | Reach Out Youth https://www.mentalhealthresource.org.uk/ Safe spaces and person-centred mental health support to help people improve their wellbeing. |
| World Health Organisation https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters Mythbusters – helps you find out more about what is true, and what is not true, about coronavirus | Information is Beautiful https://informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/covid-19-coronavirus-infographic-datapack/ Data Visualisation Pack – helps you find out more about what is true, and what is not true, about coronavirus |
| Jigsaw South East https://www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk/ Supporting children through the loss of a loved one | Place to Be https://www.place2be.org.uk/ Supporting Children’s Mental Health |
| BBC Bitesize and Newsround https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/z7qg6v4/mental-health/1 https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2 Support for mental health and wellbeing. | London Borough of Enfield https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/local-offer/social-emotional-and-mental-health/ A hub for support for social, emotional and mental health. |
| Further Organisations <p>Dad info for fathers gives free expert advice and support from legal issues, child development to financial advice and everything in between.</p> <p>Family Lives offers parenting and family support, online chats, a helpline and parenting classes.</p> <p>Gingerbread supports one parent families. They provide free membership and run local friendship groups. There is also an online forum, or you can read stories and advice from other single parents.</p> <p>MeeTwo App provides peer support through social media, promoting mental well-being of young people. MeeTwo works in partnership with Young Minds and the NSPCC.</p> <p>MindEd is a free educational resource for adults on children and young people's mental health.</p> <p>NSPCC is a charity campaigning and working in child protection.</p> <p>Samaritans 24-hour telephone helpline offering emotional support to people in distress or despair.</p> <p>The Mix offers free information and support for young people aged 13 to 25 about sex, relationships, drugs, mental health, money and jobs.</p> <p>Think U Know is a guide to Internet safety and safe surfing for young people (5 to 14+)</p> <p>Young Minds for Parents gives advice and support for parents worried about their child's behaviour, emotional problems and mental health.</p> <p>Youth Access provides details of local youth counselling services for young people aged 12 to 25. Their online search will help you find your nearest service.</p> | |
| DFE: COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) | |

