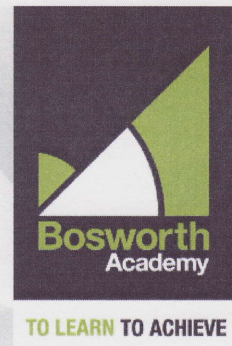


12<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus updated information 12/03/20

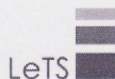
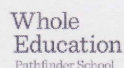
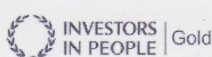
I am writing once again to update you on Bosworth Academy's current situation and approach regarding the international Coronavirus pandemic to reassure you that we are taking all appropriate advice.

There are currently no diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in school. However, we continue to take protective measures to safeguard student and staff health, including around hygiene. We are well stocked with soap, hand gel and cleaning products. Students now break slightly early for lunch each day to allow for handwashing and we are encouraging students to use handwashing facilities at the end of lessons where there are facilities such as in Science and Catering classrooms. Each day, the department for education issues up to date advice to schools, which we follow carefully.

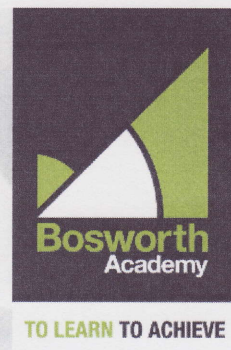
Safeguarding health is of paramount importance to us. This includes safeguarding our students' mental health. It is therefore important that we do not elevate our young people's anxiety around this issue. The proportion of children who catch COVID-19 appears very small, and of those that do, the symptoms seem particularly mild in children. The reason that we are taking the measures outlined above is to play our part in protecting the wider population as children pass on infections to others. I would urge you to ensure that your child has a sense of proportion over this issue, at the same time as being committed to the behaviour changes needed over hygiene.

As we enter the Government's 'Delay' phase to prevent spreading of COVID-19, we are putting robust plans in place in the event of an enforced period of closure if advised to by the Government or by Public Health England. If a closure is put in place we will inform parents via email and text message (through your latest provided parental contact details) and a message uploaded onto our website. We will then provide work (home learning), for students to complete at home. There will be an emphasis on ensuring this is completed for exam classes and that teachers are able to give formative feedback.

If a closure occurs then all home learning will be set via Show My Homework to enable all students and parents to view what has been set. Teachers will provide clear instructions for students on Show My Homework and attach any videos, resources, weblinks or worksheets needed. There may be links to specific Google Classrooms, a platform that all of our students are used to using. Please contact your child's Head of Year if you do not have internet access to be able to complete this learning from home.







For years 7, 8, 9, and 10 work will be set and classes can submit this and receive feedback when the school reopens.

For years 11, 12 and 13 work will be set, submitted by students and feedback given by teachers during the closure. These year groups are only a few weeks away from their GCSE/A Level examinations, and as such, will require more remote interaction with their classroom teachers via Show My Homework and the Google Classroom.

In the event of a significant number of our staff needing to self-isolate, with the changing Government advice, then we may need to combine classes or make a decision to partially close. In a partial closure of the Academy we would close for some year groups, but be open to others. Depending on the number of staff in school we would prioritise and be open for exam classes (years 11, 12 and 13), whose examinations are only weeks away, and if numbers allowed us year 7 students who are young to be at home alone. Depending on safe levels of staffing we would look to also accommodate years 8, 9 and 10. If we only needed to close for one or two year groups, we would look to rotate which year groups would be expected in school if we remained partially closed for a number of days. We will keep parents updated on developments via our website and email, text message alerts.

As you can appreciate the situation is extremely dynamic on an hour to hour basis, but I think it is best that you are kept informed. Please get in touch with your child's Head of Year if you have any questions at this stage.

Thank you for your support as we work together to safeguard our students, staff and community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Brown  
Head of school

Mr B White  
Deputy Head of School

