

Friday 27th March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update at the end of first week of school closures

I'm writing to thank you for your support during these challenging times, particularly for how quickly you have adapted to our new ways of working from home. Do not doubt that whatever you are doing with your child adds value, we do not expect it to be easy as you wrestle with your own work commitments and family responsibilities. As we come to the end of our first week of closure for the vast majority of students, this is an opportune time to share some updates with you.

Key worker children

Bosworth Academy has in place emergency Supervised Childcare provision for a small number of students whose parents are mainly NHS workers who have no other form of childcare.

I would like to thank all of you who are key workers who have found other ways of looking after your children. It is important that in school and at home we can ensure social distancing is in place at all times, which would have been challenging with large numbers in school.

Home learning

Our teaching staff have been delighted with how well students have been engaged with completing work from home. Learning entirely at distance is new to all of us and we will be collecting views from students and parents next week, as we continue to evaluate our approach. Home learning cannot replace being at school, though we are trying to guide students towards useful sources to support them. Please do not feel under pressure, but encourage a routine and ask your child to email their teacher if they require any additional support material. Any further questions about home learning could be emailed to their Head of Year who our students are in regular communication with when they are at school.

How exam grades will be determined for Years 11, 12 (AS), and 13

We have had some further information about this from the government, though we expect more detail to be provided next week. We have written much more about this in a letter that will be posted on our website later today. For now, please encourage your child to keep showing us what they are capable of and to continue to prepare for their next stage in life.

Free School Meal students:

We have explored a number of ways to offer support. The plans we initially implemented are likely to change due to changing directives from the government regarding movement and social distancing.



The government is set to launch a national voucher scheme for FSM families next week, the details of which are still to be published. We have contacted parents, wherever possible, to offer a FSM collection service which has had some success but we appreciate that this hasn't worked well for all.

We are currently sourcing Co-op vouchers as an interim measure for families that are struggling to collect food. The reason for choosing the Co-op is that their shops are relatively close to most people. As you can appreciate the Co-op are under immense pressure from schools to issue vouchers and this is taking longer to put into place than we would like. Be assured that we will post out these vouchers to you as quickly as we can. Look out for a separate letter about this. Please email jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk if you have further questions about FSM provision.

Do regularly look at our website for further updates during these ever changing times. We will endeavour to keep you up to date.

Thank you for all of your support and I wish you and your family well. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Brown' followed by a period.

Simon Brown
Head of School