



19th March 2020

RE: Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know will have seen yesterday the government took the unprecedented step to close all schools in the UK, with effective from Monday 23rd March. We are clearly trying very hard to keep up with pace of change and the strategies outlined here may be subject to change over the coming days & weeks. Throughout these challenging times we will continue to communicate with you and try to keep you up to speed.

In this letter we will try to outline the next steps for you and your family

If you are not a key worker, your child does not have an EHCP, a Social worker or Supporting Leicestershire Families support then school will be closed from Monday 23rd March. Work will be provided as follows:

- Students will follow their normal timetable starting with Week 1 on Monday 23rd March
- Lessons will be uploaded by 9am on the day of the lesson. Staff may upload a series of lessons. You will be given a clear indication of when you should have completed the work by
- A typical lesson should consist of finding out about the topic information, completing a task and then every 2 or 3 lessons completing an assessment using either the Show my Homework quiz facility or submitting a written response. Students will receive feedback from these activities.
- Year 11 and Year 13 students should complete all coursework components. We will confirm the additional work they will have to complete
- Students will also complete a PD lesson each Wednesday. This will also contain a formal weekly registration activity where students will be asked to sign in. This task can be completed at any point during the day. If a child does not sign in, we will endeavor to give you a call to check all is well.

If you are a key worker, or your child has an EHCP, a Social worker or Supporting Leicestershire Families support

We are working hard to prepare suitable childcare from Monday 23rd March. At the moment please be prepared to send your child to Wreake Valley Academy from 8.45am. However, this may need to change as the Bradgate Education Partnership are currently trying to assess suitable safeguarding and staffing levels across all our schools. It may be necessary to attend a site which is different to your child's usual school, should there be insufficient staff who are well enough to be in school.

We envisage the day these students will be following will be:

- Completing their online learning
- Accessing the library to read
- Being able to complete an activity of their choice from home in the afternoon

We will endeavour to confirm catering arrangements shortly.

The government has now clarified the definition of a keyworker as follows:

NHS staff
Teachers and support school
SEND staff
Police and community support officers
Frontline civilian police staff
Prison officers and staff
Probation officers and trainee prob officers
LA officers and LA/ NHS social workers
Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services
Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (i.e. clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defence) and some discharged personnel
Highway agency traffic staff
LA environmental health officers/practitioners
Care workers
Food/supermarket drivers and other workers
Foster carers
Staff who maintain critical infrastructure
Pharmacists
Drivers for school children.
Back office staff supporting critical services.
Emergency planning and resilience partnership staff.
Pupils eligible for Free School Meals

We will confirm tomorrow which of the students meet the criteria provided by the government and are eligible to come in to school.

Pupils Eligible for Free School Meals:

We are still waiting on confirmation from the government on the details of this and we will update you once we have this information.

Emergency contacts:

If you have any queries please contact us through the admin email address admin@wvacademy.org – (Bradgate Sixth Form students/parents should also use this email please). We will continue to monitor the email.

For emergencies please contact Nicola Morland, Acting Principal on 07513 423386. This phone is for emergencies only. Please do not block this line with non-urgent communication.

Safeguarding or Child Protection Concerns:

Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead Nicola Morland on 07513 423386

Communication & updates

We will continue to communicate with you regularly via email and/or text message, as well as posting all communication on the school website, Facebook and Twitter. If you have not yet joined us on Facebook and Twitter it may be advisable to do so as schools have been experiencing issues with the emailing service as the IT networks struggle to handle the volume of messages that schools are sending out. Social Media and our website will give us alternative ways to keep you up dated should the email system go down.



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Yr6, Yr11 & Yr13 students

Please be reassured that we are making arrangements to support those students who have been working really hard towards their end of Key Stage exams. We are confident that we can support the transition for Year 6 pupils without SATs.

For our Yr11 students we are currently working to ensure they will all be supported to achieve their apprentice, college or sixth form places. We will be offering all students a place at Bradgate Sixth Form for the next academic year. After Easter you will begin access courses for your chosen A Level subjects, and will be assigned course tutors, in preparation for the Autumn term. If your child has applied to another post 16 provision (not Bradgate Sixth Form) then we will liaise with them about the guidance and support they will be giving to students. We will keep you updated with any information we receive.

If you have not yet applied and would like to take your place at Bradgate Sixth Form then please complete the attached form and return it to me at: katie.johnson@wvacademy.org

Similarly, we will work with other Post 16 Providers, the universities and tertiary providers to support our Yr 11 and Yr13 students in this difficult period. Once we have more information from providers and the government we will write to you again.

Finally

These are truly unprecedented times and we are not really sure how long this will last or what it will bring us. Wreake Valley Academy and Bradgate Sixth Form are here to support the local community as we face the challenges ahead together.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and perseverance as we tried to put this package of work together. It really is appreciated and you have made the task an awful lot easier by your patience and understanding.

From all the staff at Wreake Valley Academy and Bradgate Sixth Form we wish you the very best.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Morland
Acting Principal