



27th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you with an update on our academy and how we continue to support the children of critical workers to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for those families who have taken on board the guidance from the government during this time in relation to staying at home and we have a few children of critical workers attending our academy. These students are working hard and are adhering to social distancing routines and recommended hygiene protocols within the academy. Our staff continue to amaze me with their dedication, those who are not at high risk are prepared to continue to work in the academy with the children on a rota basis to minimize any potential spreading of COVID-19 with some offering more of their time. This includes **all** staff such as our site team and cleaners who continue their role on site with great resilience and commitment.

GCSE and A Level Examinations

The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) announced yesterday, 26th March 2020, that they “are rapidly working up plans to implement [the arrangements the Secretary of State for Education has set out for exams this summer](#)”. I would like to reinforce the message when I spoke to Year 11 and Year 13 students recently regarding this and that your learning continues in order for you to be successful.

Work for students

Students should continue to check their homework portal for work set, as well as the other online resources we use. Further details on student work will be announced next week but it is important that their learning continues and they consolidate the knowledge they have learnt this year.

Free School Meals

We will be moving to a Free School Meals voucher scheme from Monday 30th March. Weekly electronic vouchers will be e-mailed out to Free School Meal parents and carers which they can redeem against shopping at our local ASDA.

We will continue to update you as and when we can during these testing times but I want to thank you for your support. Messages received from parents supporting us and thanking academy staff have been welcomed. This is, and will continue to be, a challenge for our community but one which we will overcome together.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Mackey'.

David Mackey
Principal