



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the period of enforced closure I just wanted to write one final time to thank you and the wider community for your support and understanding over the last few weeks and days. I appreciate that we are about to enter a period of uncertainty and one which will have impact on all of our usual routines.

Today you should have received a number of communications (apologies for inundating you over the last few days but I thought you would like information as and when the landscape changed) and we have now created a section on the home page of our website (www.bristolmet.net/school-closure-learning) which can be accessed from the home page via the "Curriculum" drop down link. We will continue to upload any new communications to this area and continue to keep in touch with you via sms and email. We have also shared with students to their O365 accounts a link with all of their work for next week. This is to be the primary focus and then there is the suite of online learning links (available in the School Closure Section) which can be used to compliment. I appreciate that some families will want to use this time to also have some quality family time where possible but I also appreciate that many families are also needing to work remotely as well so it will be important to build a routine for everyone. There is a suggested timetable in the student and parent information packs shared today.

Lastly, and we appreciate why, some students are confused as to whether they are coming in or not on Monday. We are working to provide a suitable supervision to allow students to complete work in a safe environment. However, in keeping with the most recent government guidance this provision should **only** be accessed by students who meet one of the defined categories:

- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan **who cannot be safely cared for at home and are not displaying symptoms of Corona Virus**
- Children who have an assigned social worker, a child protection plan, a child in need plan, disabled children, **who cannot be safely cared for at home and are not displaying symptoms of Corona Virus**
- Children who are 'looked after' and those who are young carers **who cannot be safely cared for at home and are not displaying symptoms of Corona Virus**
- Children of key workers **who cannot be safely cared for at home and are not displaying symptoms of Corona Virus**

The key bit is the **cannot be safely cared for at home and are not displaying symptoms of Corona Virus**.

We are being asked to do everything possible to provide a provision but to minimise the number of students who are attending in order to maximise the effectiveness of the approach on the spread of this virus. Thank you for supporting this approach where you are able.

I have today spoken to students about the assurance that, in the not too distant future I am sure, we will return to some sense of normality and we will come back together as a community. Until that time I would like to pass on our best wishes to every member of our community.

Best wishes,

Cameron Shaw
Principal

Yours faithfully

Cameron Shaw
Principal

