

## HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I know I wrote to you only last week and apologise for intruding again but wanted to update you with a couple of important points as things continue to develop.

Firstly, and we sincerely hope it doesn't happen, but should the need arise for individual students, groups, year groups or even whole school closures to arise again we have developed and published our approach to "Remote Learning". Our 'Remote Learning Plan' can be found in the 'School Closure Learning' section of the website. Please take a moment to have a look <https://bristolmetropolitanacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/school-closure-learning/> You will see that for individual and small group absence work will be available on Show My Homework platform to which all students have access. If whole year groups or more are required to be absent due to Public Health England guidance then we will move within 24hrs of closure to live lessons via MS Teams. During Tutor Evening (virtual) phone calls this week tutors will check students ability to access suitable devices and internet access for future live lessons and we will continue to work on ensuring all students have access should the need arise. We are also asking students in tutor time to let us know if they do not have access to work online.

Related to that, Bristol City Council are working with the DfE (Department for Education) on a pilot scheme with BT to enable access to their BT WiFi Hotspots for families that otherwise do not have internet access at home. If you do not have internet but are close to a WiFi Hotspot (when at home can you see a BT WiFi Hotspot in your available internet connection) then we have a small number of accounts that we can give out free of charge which would then enable free access to the BT Hotspot. We only have 20 accounts available to issue so ask that you only request one if you do not have an internet subscription of your own. If having an account would be of use to you at home then please do contact us on [info@bristolmet.net](mailto:info@bristolmet.net) with your details and we will see if we can assist. Please note, these accounts are only for use at your home address and not designed to enable mobile wifi use. Please check that you can access a Hot Spot in your house before requesting access.

As the days get shorter with the nights drawing in we have reminded students today of the need to be additionally careful as they commute to and from the Academy. We have reminded them that whilst 99% of people are well intentioned they should remind themselves of the 'Stranger Danger' concept introduced when they are younger as it remains relevant as they get older. Please take the opportunity to speak to your child about walking with a (small due to current restrictions) group of friends and sticking to well lit public footpaths and areas, especially if they do have to walk on their own.

Finally, a plea from me for continued support with regards to road safety in and around the Academy area. In particular our main entrance on Snowdon Road is, in my opinion, poorly designed. I am putting pressure on the local authority to consider improvements to it. In the meantime, please be extra careful if you drive into or out of the main drive or if you drop children nearby. In particular I would request that priority is given, at all times, to students and parents on foot or bike as you enter or leave our site. I have spoken to students today about crossing at safe points on Snowdon Road but please be mindful of large student groups particularly around 3pm when the Academy finishes. If you are able to drop students in the local area and ask them to walk the final few minutes on foot and thereby not enter the Academy site it would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely and best wishes,



Mr C Shaw  
Principal