



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to provide you with an update on teaching and learning provision for students between now and the end of the summer term.

Since the closure of the school and move into lockdown in March, we have accommodated children of key workers and vulnerable students, to ensure that parents have been able to continue to work in vital sectors of the economy and society and that disadvantaged students have not been further disadvantaged by the current situation which is impacting upon us all at the present time. The take-up of this provision has been very good and has been extremely beneficial to all who have utilised the opportunity, students and parents alike.

On Monday 15 June we see the gradual return of our Year 10 students, with up to a quarter of our students able to come into school for a planned programme of teaching on any given day. Mr Cowley has been in touch with all parents of Year 10 students to inform and reassure them about how this will work safely and we look forward to being able bring the normality of teaching and learning closer for this group of students. The three-quarters of Year 10 who are not in school on any given day, will continue to access learning online from home.

We will also see next week an increase across all subject areas and teachers in online teaching to students of all year groups. Using the normal timetable that students would be following if they were in school, individual staff members will invite their classes through Microsoft Teams to join a lesson and receive face-to-face teaching time, to allow students to make swifter progress in the curriculum. A number of teachers have been working towards this across every curriculum area for a while now and have been able to share their expertise and experiences to give us the confidence to roll this out to all students in Years 7 to 10. Initially, this may only be for 15-20 minutes for a class in the first week as any lesson in school has to incorporate independent learning into any given hour and teachers and students will need to get used to a new learning platform. It will also enable our teaching staff to answer any questions from students regarding accessing the provision and also give students time to make changes to their existing routines in order to manage the move to more online learning. It is absolutely vital that we have your full support with ensuring your child attends online learning and please let us know if there are any issues with technology that will prevent this.

In the meantime, we will continue to guide our students in their learning, endeavour to provide progress-driven feedback and support you as parents as and when the need arises. We remain very grateful for your on-going support in facilitating this with your children. We are in the most challenging of times, where we need even greater resilience to overcome the anxiety and uncertainty that we encounter every day. Please be assured that we will continue to do our utmost to respond to the needs of our students and wider community.

Yours sincerely

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