



GCA Parent/Carer Briefing

Monday 22/6/20

Good morning,

Return and Recover:

Year 10: We welcome back year 10 students this week in a carefully organised way which allows year 10 children into school, benefiting educationally, in a safe and secure environment. If your year 10 child is not currently on the lists to come in and you would like them to, please contact the school to make arrangements.

Key Worker/Vulnerable/EHCP Children - School Provision:

This provision is very much open and being used and has now moved to two areas and has become our 'orange bubble'.

We are trying to accommodate as many children as possible, but our resource is finite. Key Workers, please only use this provision if other avenues of child care have proved to be unavailable – the resource is for children where both parents are Key Workers.

Please let us know if you would like your child to use it by contacting slt@garstangcommunityacademy.com.

Parents/carers of vulnerable children of all year groups – vulnerable children continue to be expected and encouraged to attend this provision where it is appropriate for them to do so. Please contact Mrs Morgan to discuss if your child is not currently accessing this provision.

Parents of children with education health and care (EHC) plans – children are encouraged to be accessing this provision and the this will be informed by a risk assessment approach. Please contact Mrs Davis if your child is not currently accessing this provision.

If your child needs to catch a bus to access the provision, we will need 48 hours to organise this.

Children's work, and future implications:

We have significantly increased the number of recorded/narrated lessons – if your child hasn't accessed these yet, please get them to do so as they are proving to be extremely popular with children of all ages and very much encouraging even greater engagement.

We are working really hard to provide great quality work, great feedback and regular encouragement; we are doing our best to monitor the amount, and quality, of work being done. However, the best person to keep an eye on how much work your child is doing and submitting is you, their parent/carers. We're happy to support you if you want us to make phone calls to your child etc, but please just continue to encourage them, nudge them and monitor them at home.

We continue to investigate using live tutorials – watch this space for more coming your way.



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Head Girl/Boy and prefects process – please keep your applications coming in - the deadline is the end of this week. We will then be communicating the next stage in this exciting process.

A Bit of Fun

Please keep your lockdown activities coming in, and please keep your contributions to the Lockdown album coming in to Mrs Crowe.

Safeguarding:

Mental Health – [‘Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people’s mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic’](#) is well worth a look if you are worried about your child’s mental health – it includes other useful links.

If there are ANY safeguarding issues, please contact us via the **‘Keep me Safe’** button on the school website, or report them to the usual authorities.

Please be assured that we continue to make plans for September, and hope to give more idea as to what this may look like before we finish for the summer.

Best wishes

Mr Ashcroft