



GCA Parent/Carer Briefing

Monday 15/6/20

Good morning,

Return and Recover:

Year 10: I will be writing to Year 10 parents as soon as I have information regarding guidance from LCC Public Health – I hope to be able to confirm that we will be reopening for Year 10s in the week commencing 22/6/20. As soon as I can confirm this, I will send detailed information regarding timings etc as well as explanatory videos.

Key Worker/Vulnerable/EHCP Children - School Provision:

This provision is very much open and being used and has now moved upstairs to F5. Mr Holliday will be communicating the details of this and other process changes which are in the offing.

We have tried to be as accommodating as possible, but for 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.

A reminder, that vulnerable children of all year groups continue to be expected and encouraged to attend this provision where it is appropriate for them to do so (for children with education health and care (EHC) plans this will be informed by a risk assessment approach).

Therefore, if this is not the case for vulnerable children, please make sure you have discussed this with Mrs Morgan, and if this is not the case for children on EHC plans, discussions should have taken place with Mrs Davis. Please let us know what we can do to facilitate this.

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 are aiming to increasingly supplement the Show My Homework diet with recorded/narrated lessons/presentations which have proved to be very popular – you should notice more of these coming through each week.

We are also investigating using live tutorials although there are a number of obstacles to extensive use of these which still need to be overcome.

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Head Girl/Boy and prefects process – please keep your applications coming in - the deadline is 26/6.

A Bit of Fun

The lockdown single 'Put a little love in your heart' is now complete and is on the website and Twitter.

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.

And finally... we’ve had quite a lot of really positive comments coming in from children and parents, which we really appreciate and are definitely really good for our own morale, so thank you!

Best wishes

Mr Ashcroft