



## **GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

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GCA Parent/Carer Briefing

Thursday 2/4/20

Hello, I hope you're staying well and managing to look after yourselves and your families.

Reminder: other than the provision described below, and a very small number of essential staff. the **school site is closed.**

Key Worker/Vulnerable/EHCP Children - School Provision:

**Children identified as vulnerable should be attending the provision** unless other arrangements have been discussed with the child's social worker – please let us know if this is the case. **This includes over the Easter Holiday.**

Key Worker children - Please only use this provision if you have exhausted all other possible sources of support. The advice is very much to keep your children at home if you can do, and only send them to school if absolutely necessary. However, do not hesitate to send them if you need to.

This provision is located in the Fairsnape building – children should go directly there in the morning, maintaining their 2m exclusion and hand washing protocols, and must not venture into other areas of school under any circumstances.

If you are needing children to access this provision, please try to give us as much notice as you can, so that we can ensure we have sufficient staffing in place. **If we have no children in by 10.30, staff will leave for the day.**

In an emergency, if you need to contact children in the provision, please dial the normal school number, and follow the instructions.

**This provision will continue to open over the 2 week Easter 'holiday', other than the two bank holidays.**

Work Being Set:

**Please read Mrs Rawcliffe's excellent Newsletter** – loads of really fabulous activities taking place – well done everyone.

**Work will not be set, and emails will not be responded to over the two week Easter 'holiday'. Please don't email over this period as this would result in a massive backlog when staff resume after Easter.**

Free School Meals:

We will be moving to a National Voucher Scheme after Easter – the eVouchers will be sent to the 1<sup>st</sup> contact on a student's contacts in school – If there are any problems, please contact Mrs Smith via [info@garstangcommunityacademy.com](mailto:info@garstangcommunityacademy.com)



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### Year 11:

We are waiting for an announcement from Ofqual regarding Year 11 results – it was due out today (Thursday) but hasn't arrived, so I will delay sending this Parent Briefing in the hope that it arrives early tomorrow – otherwise I will let you know further details after Easter.\*

Work – work is still being set for year 11 – although we do not know any details, there are going to be 're-sit' opportunities early in the new academic year – any work being done will mean that if re-sits are required, revision will be less of a shock.

Additionally, students could be preparing for their next phase – for instance, there are some really great books on the market for the transition to A-level Maths and Sciences– if you have a look at our Twitter feed, there are some examples on there or search for 'Head Start to' e.g. A-level Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Maths.

### Safeguarding:

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.

Best wishes, thanks again for your amazing support, and have a lovely Easter

Stay safe

Mr Ashcroft

\*Hot off the press – the information letter from Ofqual for students has just come through and I will attach to this briefing.