



# GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Bowgreave · Garstang · Lancashire · PR3 1YE · Tel: 01995 603226 · Email: [info@garstangcommunityacademy.com](mailto:info@garstangcommunityacademy.com)

## GCA Parent/Carer Briefing

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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.

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.

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 do keep your children working** - we are trying to mix things up as much as possible, and Progress Leaders are going to add their support by running things like award point competitions etc.

If you do need to communicate, please continue to use the general email addresses previously supplied, and always include the child's full name, year group and their subject teacher in the communication, to make processing the enquiry as efficiently as possible. Please continue to be patient and understanding.

We are continually reviewing the way we are providing work and will adapt to the situation as much as we are able to as we go forwards.

Mrs Rawcliffe will be sending out her first Student and Parent Newsletter this week, and this has some really interesting information in it along with some fabulous examples of great work being set and done.

**Work will not be set, and emails will not be responded to over the two week Easter 'holiday'.**



**FYLDE COAST ACADEMY TRUST**

Company Limited by Guarantee Number 08364709

Registered in England & Wales – Registered Office: Armfield Academy, 488 Lytham Road, Blackpool, FY4 1TL



# GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Bowgreave · Garstang · Lancashire · PR3 1YE · Tel: 01995 603226 · Email: [info@garstangcommunityacademy.com](mailto:info@garstangcommunityacademy.com)

## Free School Meals:

We continue to be in the hands of the local authority and meal packages are now being distributed to a local hub on a weekly basis - as to when these are distributed is in the LCC hands. Our understanding is that we will be moving to a National Voucher Scheme in the near future. Mrs Smith and Mrs Eccles will continue to monitor this situation and communicate as information is available.

## 46x Bus:

This bus has stopped running, but any children with 46x passes can use them on the public service bus should they need to access the in-school provision.

## Year 11:

Work – work is still being set for year 11 – we will be asked by OfQual/DfE for ‘predicted grades’ at some point, and any work still being produced by year 11 students can still positively influence these grades. Additionally, 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.

Results - My latest understanding is that grades will be disseminated to students at the end of July, based on the prediction we submit together with their prior attainment (SATs scores from primary school) – there are then other elements taken into account, such as last year’s school performance – as we had record results last year, this should really benefit the current year 11.

## 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, and thanks again for your amazing support,

**Mr Ashcroft**



**FYLDE COAST ACADEMY TRUST**

Company Limited by Guarantee Number 08364709

Registered in England & Wales – Registered Office: Armfield Academy, 488 Lytham Road, Blackpool, FY4 1TL