



GCA Parent/Carer Briefing

Monday 8/6/20

Good morning,

Return and Recover:

Year 10: I wrote to year 10 parents again this morning– following an announcement this morning by LCC, there is unfortunately now no intention for any children returning (other than EHCP/Key Worker/Vulnerable – see below) before 22/6/20.

Please keep the replies coming in regarding attendance at such time that children can return, so that we can continue to plan the exact arrangements. I have had to date 127 of 163. Many thanks.

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, but from 15/6/20, the children in this provision will need to wear school uniform, and there will be a behaviour addendum for all children on site.

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:

Please keep children following the GCA virtual learning programme – this will keep them focussed and will stand them in really good stead against their counterparts nationally who are on average not engaging anything like as well, when this situation does, finally, come to an end.

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Head Girl/Boy and prefects process – Mr Millatt has had lots of replies – the deadline is 26/6 – please keep them coming in.

A Bit of Fun

The lockdown single 'Put a little love in your heart' is now complete and should be appearing on the website and Twitter feed very shortly.

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.

A different final note this week, but another plea. We have had a number of young adults coming on to site out of hours and climbing fences to access our still quite new all-weather facility to play (non-social distanced) football, which does damage in itself, and is unsafe – the all-weather fence is 3 m high. There has been quite significant damage done by these young men to two sets of goal posts which will need replacing and are expensive. Because this is trespass, is damaging the fencing and, especially, the damage to the equipment we have reported this to the police who will view our cctv and are prepared to prosecute. Please discourage any trespass on the school property, and specifically the accessing of our facilities, so they are still in great shape when your children do return.

With thanks and warm wishes

Mr Ashcroft