



Friday 22nd May

Dear Parents,

Daily Update – Friday 22nd May

Planning for the half term break

As we have already said, we will be completely closing school next week until 1st June.

We will not be setting any work for that week and would genuinely recommend that any talk of school is put to one side, to give you and your children a complete break.

We do feel a little anxious about leaving you all without our availability and our weekday contact but we hope that the weather and the latest updates from Government enable you, as a family, to make the most of this week away from the pressure of school work.

Like many you, we genuinely can't wait to get back to some normality in the longer term, but we will be back soon to continue to support you as best we can after 1st June.

Please do take care and look after each other #bekind

Ideas for activities in lockdown

Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> have an online platform for learning, launched by teachers to support with the COVID 19 situation.

They are launching the Oak Activity Club for half term which will include (amongst lots of other activities):

- Outdoor activity ideas from UK Scouting
- Opportunities to find out what University Learning is like from The Brilliant Club offering masterclasses led by PHD tutors on a range of topics
- A glimpse into farm life with Jamie's Farm
- A chance to have your say and debate the issues of the day with Votes for Schools and details on the Youth Leader Programme from Bite Back 2030.

Remembering those we have lost

So many families are coping with new losses during this crisis but we also wanted to take a moment to remember the tragedy from three years ago.

We remember the victims of the Manchester Arena attack, those who lost their lives and those whose lives will never be the same and are still dealing with the effects of the event. We especially remember those from our Trust and school communities who have so bravely dealt with the personal impact of this incident.

Outstanding education at the heart of the community

Who to ring if you have concerns/difficulties:

It has meant a lot to us that we have been available to answer your calls, of whatever nature, every weekday since we moved to partial opening /home learning on 17th March, including holidays and bank holidays. We wanted to make sure that you had somewhere to turn if needed when we are offline 25th – 29th May (and at weekends). If you are struggling in any way, don't leave it to crisis point, earlier intervention is always better. The following numbers will hopefully give you enough options and you shouldn't hesitate to ring if needed:

General contacts:

- Lancashire Police – 101 or online at lancashirepolice.uk/reportonline
- NHS helpline – 111
- School nurse text service (11-19 year olds) - 07507330510

South Ribble useful contacts:

- Children's Social Care -0300 123 6720

West Lancashire useful contacts:

- Burscough Neighbourhood Centre – 01772 539680
- The Birchwood Centre – 01695 713248
- West Lancashire Together – feeling vulnerable or need support free helpline 0800 616 667 (daily 7am-7pm)

Mental Health Support, Advice and Guidance

- Samaritans 116 123
- MIND www.lancashiremind.org.uk
- CAMHS www.lscft.nhs.uk/CAMHS
- www.healthyyoungmindsisc.co.uk

Housing advice support and guidance

- www.southribble.gov.uk/southribbletogether
- 01772 625625
- 01772 421491
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Domestic abuse advice support and guidance

- National Domestic Abuse helpline 0808 200 247
- Lancashire Victim Support – 0300 325 0085
- Clare House Womens refuge + 24 hour helpline www.southribble.gov.uk/content/domestic-abuse 01772 435865
- Mens Domestic abuse advice line 0808 801 0327
- GALOP – LGBT & Domestic Abuse Helpline 0800 000 5428 advice@galop.org.uk

Coming soon

- On June 1st we will be releasing our plans for the remaining seven weeks of home learning for this academic year.
- From June 1st we will be considering the latest guidance (still not published but 'coming soon') for secondary schools and what is meant by 'face to face support to supplement the remote learning of Year 10'.

A REMINDER OF OUR DAILY COMMITMENT AFTER HALF TERM

Should my child be in school?

We are still committed to supporting families where we can, so if you think your child needs to be in school please consider the following criteria:

- You are a critical worker, or you are now required to go into work because you can't easily work from home, you have nobody in the home to ensure your children are suitably supervised and you are concerned about their vulnerability at home alone
- Your child would benefit from additional support to access learning due to their special needs or other significant difficulties in engaging in and/or completing the work set
- You are concerned that your child's mental health is being affected by their absence from school
- You have any other safeguarding concerns and you feel these would be minimised if your child were in school

What we have in place every weekday when school is open:

- Open every weekday with a staffing rota between 8.30am and 4.30pm to support the learning of the children in school. We understand that this may change daily due to shift patterns so just keep us informed as the need arises/changes
- Keep in regular, close contact by phone with vulnerable children and their families, and provide tutor contact with other students and their families as appropriate
- Provide on-line Home Learning resources, links and updates so you can keep your children mentally and physically active at home.
- Where possible, deliver learning packs to those without internet access or equipment to engage in online learning.
- Be on the end of the school phone and address any concerns or queries you might have between 8.30am – 4.00pm weekdays.
- Deliver food parcels to those in most need on a fortnightly basis. Please don't hesitate to contact as and when you may be in need, whether through financial hardship or self-isolation, without other help at hand.
- Provide free meals for the staff and students in school, in a clean environment, observant of social distancing and other safety guidelines.
- Manage the provision of FSM vouchers

With best wishes,

Mrs Gwinnett (Executive Head and Trust Lead) and all of us in the Trust and at School

Stay safe