



Thursday 21st May

Dear Parents,

Daily Update – Thursday 21st May

Coming soon

- Tomorrow we will be sharing detail with you on some useful ‘break from school’ activities to consider over the half term holiday, along with a few contact numbers should you need support during that week.
- 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.
- 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 also 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’.

Donations for grocery boxes

We just wanted to say another huge thank you to those of you who continue to drop off donations for our grocery boxes. As you will appreciate, some of our families have found themselves facing significant difficulties at this time.

We are ensuring that we keep up to date as to where there is the greatest need, which is currently in the region of 90 families across our Trust schools (Burscough Priory Academy, Churchtown Primary School, Tarleton Academy, and Wellfield High School). We are now in the routine of delivering a fortnight’s worth of basic groceries.

Anything that you think you can spare in terms of non-perishables, assuming dropping these items doesn’t put anyone vulnerable at risk, would be most welcome.

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

Outstanding education at the heart of the community

A reminder of our daily commitment:

- 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