

## **COVID - 19 Unity Academy Bulletin**

**3rd April 2020**

These are unprecedented times where the academy is relying on daily guidance from the Government, this guidance changes regularly and often this published information lags behind information in the press. This bulletin intends to keep all stakeholders as up to date as possible given the information we have and the fast moving situation.

### **School Closure Update**

Unity Academy is closed until further notice to all students other than those who are considered vulnerable or families where both parents are key workers. These parents should have contacted us. Children should only come to school if there are **no other options**. We will maintain communication with those considered vulnerable regarding attendance. Only students eligible as detailed here can attend over Easter.

### **Arrangements for Easter**

A letter has been sent to all parents today confirming arrangements for Easter, this is also on the website. This includes details about collection of free school meals.

### **Free School Meals - Ongoing arrangements**

I am aware that some parents would prefer vouchers to food hampers, unfortunately the Government has confirmed that the voucher scheme is only open to schools where catering providers cannot provide food hampers. Our catering provider, Chartwells, at this stage can continue to provide food hampers and therefore we are not eligible for the Government voucher scheme. We will only contact parents about this if the position changes.

### **Staff update - Easter working**

A final rota will be issued for Easter working later on today, please contact your SLT lead if you are unable to attend for work.

### **School Closure Work - Easter**

Work will remain on the website over Easter but Google Classroom will not be actively monitored over Easter and new work will not be added to the website. In normal circumstances the academy would be closed and it is important that students try and switch off for two weeks.

### **Enquiries**

Should you have any questions during this time please email [generalenquiries@unity.fcat.org.uk](mailto:generalenquiries@unity.fcat.org.uk) - if you have specific emails regarding subjects or

software, please use the email addresses on the website, under school closure. This email address will not be actively monitored over the Easter break.