

**COVID - 19 Unity Academy Bulletin**  
**25th March 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.

**Free School Meals**

Information is now on the website for parents to follow regarding collection of food parcels. Please only arrive at the times stated, this allows us to enforce social distancing measures.

**Staff update**

Staff will work in teams over the next few weeks ensuring adequate ratios at all times.

Staff who are working from home should not come into school unless they are on the rota.

Staff working from home will be contacted by line managers once per week during this period of time, those who are working from home because of pre-existing conditions or where someone in the family has a pre-existing condition should not return to work until they are told to return.

Any staff who are contacted by the Government as they fall into the category of extremely vulnerable and who need to be shielded for 12 weeks should contact their line manager.

If staff require support during this period of isolation, please make contact with line managers.

**Confirmed Cases at Unity Academy**

We are aware of significant numbers of students and staff who are self isolating. At the time of writing (1:30PM), Public Health England have not contacted us to inform us of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst children, staff or families linked to Unity Academy.

## **Cleaning**

As many cleaners as possible will come into school to keep the site clean whilst partially open.

## **Children and staff who present at school with COVID-19 symptoms**

Any children who present in school next week with the symptoms of COVID-19 will need to go home, we will move children to a separate, ventilated room, whilst we await a parent/carer coming to pick them up. Should any child display the symptoms, government guidance is that they **and anyone who lives with them** should self isolate for 14 days.

Staff who present with symptoms will be asked to follow the same advice and asked to go home immediately where they **and anyone who lives with them** should self isolate for 14 days. Government guidance does not, **at this stage**, indicate that any children who have been taught by the member of staff should self isolate.

## **School Closure Work**

Work for students during school closure will be placed on the website - [www.unity.blackpool.org.uk](http://www.unity.blackpool.org.uk) - work will be regularly refreshed during this period.

## **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.