Warmley Park School and College

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Update on reduced provision

You may have heard that a special school in the area closed this week as they had staff diagnosed with COVID 19. In response to this and in liaison with South Gloucestershire Council we also closed the reduced provision at Warmley Park for 4 days to enable the review of our current provision and risk assessments. This was to ensure that we were doing everything possible to keep pupils and staff safe. Following consultation with staff, unions, our health and safety advisor, governors, and the council, we are reopening the reduced provision from 18th May.

Phased reopening of school

As many of you will be aware, the Prime Minister addressed the nation on Sunday evening. The Prime Minister indicated that the government believes it may be able to implement a phased re-opening of schools. We are in the early stages of planning for this. Next week, you will receive a request for updated information on whether your child is clinically vulnerable or shielding; whether you are choosing to keep your child at home; if you are a key worker and require a place for your child; or if there are any other family circumstances that we need to be aware of in relation to your child.

Our priority is always the safety of everyone in the school community and this proposal will have prompted many questions. We are waiting to receive more information from the government about what this means for our school and until then we will be unlikely to be able to answer any questions.

Rest assured, school staff and governors are working tirelessly on your behalf and in consultation with the local authority and union leaders, so that we can gain a better understanding of the plan and seek further clarification as to the best way forward.

In the short term, nothing has changed, and we will provide you with further information in the coming days and weeks once we are able to do so.

In the meantime, we will be continuing, as before, to offer home learning activities for all pupils, and restricted provision in school for children of critical workers and those pupils who are unable to stay at home and have been attending the reduced provision at Warmley Park during the last few weeks.

YouTube

If you have not already done so, please check out the Warmley Park YouTube Channel where you will see some familiar faces with messages and activities. Again, the staff are always delighted to see the work that pupils are doing at home being posted on Seesaw.



Individual Education Plan meetings

In the next few days, your child's class teacher will contact you for their IEP meeting. We recognise that this is going to be different to the usual evaluation and target setting that you would be involved with.

Please use this opportunity to discuss the home learning with your child's teacher and how it is going, request support or an increase in the amount of work, and talk about how your child is managing with the lockdown. Teachers are able to send out resources as often as you require them.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of any child you can call the Access and Response Team on 01454 866000. The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Warmley Park are still carrying out this responsibility and can be contacted on the emergency phone line- 07494 587912.

Suggested resources:

Yoga



https://www.yogaatschool.org.uk/free-yoga-lessons-for-children-withautism/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Buzz_Freeyogalessons

Supporting Children and Young People's Mental Health

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/april/supporting-children-youngpeople-mental-health?utm_source=Coronanewsletter&utm_medium=Mental-Health&utm_campaign=202004_Corona



Keep safe

