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Update on response to Coronavirus from Montgomery Academy

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you an update on what will happen this week at Montgomery Academy. Firstly, I would like to thank you for all the positive messages we have received regarding our efforts in providing work and online resources to the students last week. We will continue to develop our provision for remote learning in the coming weeks, though please bear with us whilst we get up to speed.

We will be running a skeleton staff only from Tuesday. We are open only for students that fall in to the following categories:

- Vulnerable students – If your child falls in to this category you will have been contacted on Friday to see if you plan to send your child in. The outcome of these conversations was that only a few intend to attend this week
- Children of keyworkers – You will have hopefully read the guidance on our website and completed the online form if you believe you fall in to any of the “key worker” categories

Given the new stricter measures announced on Social Distancing on Friday afternoon and the consistent government messages over the weekend, I must remind you even if one of the criteria above applies to you, then your child must remain at home if it is at all possible to do so. Schools are only open for those children that absolutely need to attend.

Montgomery will run a timetable that involves students being supervised doing the online work that their teachers have set them as well as some other activities. The day will start at 9am and finish at 3pm. If you are a key worker or a parent of a vulnerable student and there are only certain days in the week that they can remain at home, then they should do so on those days.

We will be implementing quite stringent routines for hand-washing and social distancing, as best we can, for the students that do come in tomorrow. Available staffing levels have again dropped over the weekend, but we will do our bit to keep the essential key worker groups working where required.



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Free School Meals

We are currently looking at how we can provide a lunch to the Free School Meal children that would normally get it at school. We are determining the most viable option and should be contacting parents whose children are eligible for Free School Meals over the next two days to let them know the way forward.

Please can I remind parents of two pieces of guidance published by the government last week

- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults which are not to be within 2m of each other for longer than 15 minutes
- Avoid large or small gatherings in public spaces

The national guidance upon social distancing, washing hands regularly and avoiding contact with anyone that is in any of the high-risk categories for their own safety is very clear. The country needs to work together and follow all advice given to reduce the pressure on our National Health Service. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those employed in the "key worker" groups for their selfless dedication to fulfilling their role in the response to the Coronavirus.

Yours sincerely

Mr Careless

Headteacher