

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to update you on the provision that Montgomery Academy will be offering over the uncertain period ahead. Packs of work that have not been taken home this week, due to student absence, will be dropped off at homes this morning. These packs of work will form the basis of the learning continuing at home. Students can work in the CGP workbooks. Students should also have access to online learning platforms such as Google Classroom, Seneca and Hegarty Maths. If your son/daughter has any issues accessing these sites then we will be publishing a list of support email addresses from next week. Any student having issues should focus on their paper-based work first.

To support the national response to the Coronavirus, next week Montgomery will be open to vulnerable students or students with parents that fall in to the “Key worker” category. Guidance on the definition of a key worker has been published this morning, they include

- Health and Social Care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and National government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport – those who will keep air, water, road, rail (passenger and freight) transport modes operating
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you are unsure what particular occupations fall in to these categories then please check the following guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. You have been asked to complete an online survey to determine the occupations of parents and carers. Please complete this as soon as you can. If you do not have access to the internet then please call our reception 01253 356271 and leave a message.

Montgomery will be open at **9am on Monday 23rd March** for vulnerable students and those whose parents/carers fall in to the “key worker” category that cannot be at home.

If there are only certain days where you cannot provide childcare at home, then please let us know. We are expecting at most 20% of students to be here next week so we will not send messages to parents of students that are absent, though we will message parents to say that their child has arrived at school.

If you are a parent/carer of a vulnerable student or are a key worker and do intend to send your child/children into school on Monday they must bring their work packs given to them this week as

some of their time in school will be spent completing the work within the packs and the online work set to all students who are remaining at home. Students who do come in will need to be in full school uniform and bring their PE kit on certain days. Normal school rules will apply whilst they are at school. Students will generally work on English, Maths or Science and a variety of other subject areas and learning activities.

A limited lunch and break service will be offered to all students who attend. Students who receive Free School Meals will receive their usual allocation for the day.

We are currently looking at how Free School Meal students who are at home can receive their entitlement. We are liaising with FCAT, our catering supplier Chartwells and the Local authority and will let you know further details when we have them. The government have talked about a national voucher scheme for Free School Meal students though this will take a little while to set up.

Montgomery is committed to the community it serves and will endeavour to support our Montgomery Family through the challenging times ahead.

Mr. Careless