



7 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Update from the principal – 7 May 2020

I trust that you and your families remain safe and well at this time. I thought it would be timely to send a letter out to continue to outline where we are as a college.

Remote learning

The introduction of the 'suggested timetables' for Key Stages 3 and 4, have received a much more positive response from parents/carers and students. The feedback is that the workload has generally been much more manageable for students to complete and the process has allowed parents/carers to support more easily, where they need to do so. The links to the timetables are below should you need to access them again.

[KS3 suggested timetable](#)

[KS4 suggested timetable](#)

As we have said throughout, we may not get that balance quite right for every individual child, but staff continue to work hard to adjust and adapt what they are doing to support all our students in the best ways we can. Over the past week we have developed further work with staff around how to use our system called 'Google Classroom' which will allow teachers to set work that may have video or audio content of their teaching, rather than just relying on written work. This is new process for many staff and we are working hard to bring more of that to life. In addition, we will use national projects, such as the work developed by the Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize, where it aligns with the curriculum work our teachers are setting.

Student support

We know that many families are under tremendous pressure and at times, the completion of schoolwork will not be a priority. Please get in touch with our pastoral team who may be able to offer wellbeing advice and support to both students and families. Equally, below you will find a link to the wellbeing support we have previously highlighted. We know that some of our students are finding their mental health a challenge at this time and so we would ask that if you are concerned about your child and need further support for them, please do get in touch via pastoral@brockington.leics.sch.uk.

[Emotional and physical wellbeing](#)

Support for families

We are very aware that some of our families may be finding things difficult due to changes in financial circumstances and that this may be having an impact upon their ability to buy food and basic essentials. Please continue to let us know if you do need help in any way. We have been helping families to access the Free School Meals scheme, where they are now entitled to do so, and to access support from the local council and the local church network who are ready to help families who find themselves in difficulty. If you would like us to contact you, should you need support, then please call the college on 0116 2863722 or email us at admin@brockington.leics.sch.uk and explain that you'd like to speak to someone about support for families and someone will call you back to discuss how we may be able to help. The local authority children & family wellbeing service are able to offer emergency food parcels for children and families, please call 0116 3055282. Enderby Mission Church food bank can be contacted via emfoodbank@gmail.com.

Finally, there has been much speculation this week that there could be an announcement in the coming days around the reopening of schools. As a sector, we find out the information at the same time as the rest of the country, and so we will wait to hear what that might be. Once we are in a position to give you more information, we will of course do so.

In the meantime, I wish you a peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Sadie Batstone
Principal

