

23rd March 2020

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Dear parents/carers

Following on from my last update, you will be aware that **schools have now closed to the vast majority of students until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we are doing all we can to stay open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children (with certain needs). Thank you to those parents/carers who completed the survey and informed us of your needs. Since we wrote to you on Friday, Government guidance and actions have changed. Therefore your circumstances may have changed.

The principles are:

1. School is an emergency provision for critical key workers
2. Coming into school is a last resort not a first option and some children will be safer at home
3. The guidance has changed from **key** worker to **critical** worker
4. The key message from government is: **STAY HOME, SAVE LIVES**
5. Government have said: Every child who could be safely cared for at home should be; Children should observe the same social distancing principles as adult; most children should stay away, including the children of key workers, if they can be cared for at home; schools should be a last resort; the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk.

As this pandemic continues to change things quickly, I need to be clear about a number of issues. If your circumstances have changed or change please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone 01274 776200 or by email info@hansonacademy.org.uk

If you have exhausted all other possibilities and your child needs to attend school this week (for the children of key workers and vulnerable children) we ask students to adhere to the following:

- Enter school through the front door of the main building.
- Sign in on arrival at school at the attendance office (student reception).
- Sign out on leaving at school at the attendance office (student reception).
- Wear school uniform (including lanyard).
- Bring PE kit Monday and Wednesday for Sport and Recreation activities.
- Follow Hanson expectations – any form of poor behaviour could lead to your child losing their place.

Additional information:

- Food will be provided to students at breakfast, break, lunch (and tea time if required) – students must not bring their own food and drink into school during this period. We will provide food free of charge.
- School will open to students at 7.45am – students should go straight to the atrium.
- Activities will run from 8am to 3pm for most students and can extend to 6pm for some students. Please contact us if you would like your child to attend after 3pm. Telephone 01274 776200 or by email info@hansonacademy.org.uk
- Please do not send your child to school if they display any of symptoms of the Covid-19 virus. If your child becomes unwell during the school day we will isolate them and contact you to collect them.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March onwards. Please note that this is a national closure, as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by MyEd message, the school website and Bradford Schools Online.

Remote Learning:

Your child's learning is of course of paramount importance to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. Through the use of Show My Homework (SMHW) and the school email system we have the ability to communicate and set work for students. Students have been shown how to access their SMHW account and information is on the school website for parents. In addition the SMHW link is also available on the school website:

<https://www.satchelone.com/login>

Teachers are expected to upload work regularly for students to complete and students are expected to complete and return their work via SMHW. Any student questions can be directed to their teacher through SMHW or the dedicated email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk We endeavour to acknowledge all queries within 24 hours and send personalised responses within 48 hours. We would expect students to remain at home during school hours to undertake their work. Staff are expected to upload work and respond during school hours.

Students can also access a variety of methods of remote working via the school website; if they click on the banner labelled **Cononavirus Information and Arrangements for Student Remote Working**, students will be provided with a range of options, including the facility to logon to the school system and their files, if they have a laptop or a desktop computer. You may also wish to encourage your child to access Seneca Learning <https://www.senecalearning.com/>, Hegarty Maths <https://hegartymaths.com/> and bbc bitesize <http://www.bbcbitesize.co.uk/>.

We are also working to ensure that printed materials are shared with children who do not have internet access at home. **Please let us know if you child would not be able to access the internet by contacting us by phone on 01274 776200, completing the online survey monkey or by email info@hansonacademy.org.uk**

Free School Meals:

If your child usually receives free school meals we will be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this. We have not received any vouchers or information from the Local Authority. In the short term you/your child can collect a grab bag from reception at 12pm Monday-Friday.

We appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. Please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111.

As I stated in my last correspondence we remain determined to do all that we can for our students in partnership with our families while we are closed. Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely



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