

8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Sadly, I am writing to you yet again with updated arrangements for the Spring Term due to the Governmental decision to close schools to all but 'vulnerable' children and those of critical workers.

Spring Term School Closures – Half term 1

From Monday 11th January all students will receive online lessons at home via Google Classroom during their allotted timetabled periods. This style of learning has been in place all week for Year 11 and has been very successful.

Students must also attend a tutor period each day at 08:30 in order to receive an attendance mark, necessary notices and have a pastoral check-in with their tutor. We will also aim to offer some assemblies during this time. All students will receive a set proportion of 'live' lessons from their usual class teacher wherever possible, but in some cases the lesson content will be pre-recorded or activities set for completion. If a teacher is absent, cover work will be set on Google Classroom for students to complete.

Live teaching

It is due to the hard work by everyone in a variety of areas including training, device provisioning and student awareness, that we are in a better position to provide 'Live' teaching to our students during this round of closures. 'Live' teaching is defined by the presence and interaction of the teacher with the class throughout the period of teaching. This does not mean (and is probably not best practice to be) continued presentation/talking by the staff member throughout, but that they are interacting with the learning of the class to:

- Set up/contextualise learning
- Model examples
- Address misconceptions
- Assess work
- Help overcome barriers
- Summarise/conclude learning

With this in mind, teachers will provide the students with a percentage of their learning fulfilling this definition of 'Live' teaching. This will be based on the Key Stage of the student and as a proportion of each subject.

In order to facilitate this, all 'Live' learning will need to take place at its designated time in the timetable and will need to start promptly but will only be for the duration of 50 minutes to allow for staff and students to prepare for their next lesson.

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Expectations for Key Stages

Key Stage 3

It is our intention to offer at least half of a Key Stage 3 students' lessons delivered 'Live'. This currently excludes Personal Development Learning (PDL) lessons. Staff will indicate which lessons are 'live' in the 'chat stream' of each Google Classroom.

Key Stage 4

It is our intention to offer three quarters of a Key Stage 4 students' core lessons and two thirds of Option subjects delivered 'Live'. This currently excludes core Physical Education. Staff will indicate which lessons are 'live' in the 'chat stream' of each Google Classroom.

Accessing the Emergency Education Provision

The school will continue to be open to 'vulnerable' children and those of critical workers. You can see the detailed definitions of vulnerable learners and children of critical workers [here](#). Students should only access this provision where necessary and will be offered a lateral flow (rapid result) Covid-19 test once this process begins.

If you now feel that your son/daughter needs to access the emergency provision and has not already done so, please complete the form in the link [here](#) by **Midday on Monday 11th January**.

Students should attend for an 8:30am start and enter through their allotted entrance and go straight to their Emergency Provision Classroom:

Group	Location
7 – 1	A12
7 – 2	C11
8	C7
9 – 11	LRC

Students will be facilitated to complete the online work by Learning Support Staff and overseen by a senior member of staff. All students who are onsite must wear full Fareham Academy uniform and follow all the new Covid-19 safety measures detailed below. Please ensure that your children are suitably dressed, and we would advise a warm coat, hat, scarf, and gloves due to the current cold weather.

Increased Covid-19 safety measures

It is the Academy's intention to introduce lateral flow testing for all students and staff on site and for everyone when schools reopen. Even with this in place there is still the need to increase our in-school measures as this style of testing has proved not to be 100% effective. Due to this we will be asking students and staff (except those who are exempt) to wear face coverings on site in **all areas** including classrooms. This excludes time when eating or drinking at break and lunch. We would also encourage the use of a face covering on the journey to and from school.

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Face coverings must be used appropriately, covering the nose and mouth. They can be plain or patterned but must not display any offensive images or designs. Scarves and bandanas will not be appropriate as they do not fit securely around the side of the face. If a student attends school without a face covering or exemption, parents/carer will be contacted to bring a suitable covering in.

If you would like your child to be exempt from this requirement then please can you write a note in their contact book. Students with this note will be offered a badge or card to identify their exemption.

It remains essential that if your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 they **do not attend school** and get a test without delay. Further NHS information on this can be found [here](#). The Academy's Covid-19 Positive case telephone line (01329 245551) remains in place for anyone who needs to report a student case to the school.

I am sorry we are not able to welcome all students back to school as planned but we will continue to work together to provide the best provision to all students possible. We will be working tirelessly on the school site to ensure everything is in place to safely reopen just as soon as the government allows.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Prankerd
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