

Important Information for Families Sending their Children to School Next Week

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you to confirm the arrangements for students who will continue to attend school next week. Firstly, I would like to make you aware that we fully understand the requirement for this service and will commit to delivering this service as long as it is feasibly possible. The following arrangements will be in place for the next two weeks prior to the Easter break:

Opening and Closing

The school day will start at 8.30 am at which point the students will be registered. Students will be able to gain access to the site from 8am onwards. Please do not drop them at school before this time. Between 8am and 8.30am students will be allowed on the quad or in the canteen in the new building. We will only be using the new building during the closure period. Access to the building will be via the main entrance. The school day will conclude at 3pm. All students should leave the site by 3.15pm at the latest. There will be no after school activities or clubs provided.

Uniform

Students are **not** expected to wear school uniform. The staff will also be wearing appropriate casual clothing. Staff will be asked to continue to wear their green school lanyards, ensuring they are easily identifiable to students.

Medication

Students who require regular medication, particularly inhalers and epipens, must bring it with them. Whilst we will have a first aider on site, we will not be in a position to run our usual welfare service in student services.

Should a student fall ill during the school day, we will be contacting a parent/carer to arrange for their collection, it is essential that a parent or carer is contactable. In order for the school to continue to provide this important service to some students, it is clearly vital that the Government guidance about the need to self-isolate if necessary continues to be followed. Please **DO NOT** send your child into school if they, or someone in the household, are displaying symptoms of the virus.

Behaviour

The school's behaviour policy remains in force at all times. Whilst we accept that these are unsettling times for our young people, please make it clear to your child that Vyners will not accepting anything less than the usual high standard of behaviour from our students. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Food and Drink

A limited range of food and drink will be available in the school canteen and can be purchased via your child's Squid account. Break times will be as per the normal school day. You may send your child to school with a packed lunch if you prefer. If they have a water bottle, it would be very helpful if they brought it with them.

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Attendance

If your child is unable to attend on any given day then please ensure that you contact the school reception before 8.30am on **01895 234342**, stating your child's name and the reason for their absence. If you no longer wish your child to attend school in the current circumstance then please also contact the reception as soon as you possibly can.

Please note that school will be operating on a skeleton staff. For safeguarding reasons, it will be important for us to have certainty over whether we are expecting a child. If you wish to access the service, it is therefore important that you send your child to school consistently every day.

Plan of the School Day

You may or may not be aware that schools are not being expected to teach lessons during this time. Rather, they are being asked to support specific groups of families with regard to childcare provision. With this in mind, we will be expecting all students attending to complete the same work as their peers who are working remotely at home. This will follow their daily school timetable. Therefore, please ensure that your child arrives at school with the correct resources for any given day. I would also ask that they have suitable clothing and footwear for physical activity as we do intend on running sports activities on a daily basis.

We will review provision over the next two weeks and make decisions about the Easter fortnight and beyond in due course.

Finally, I would like to reiterate our support for this strategy and wish you all the very best as you continue to support the community through these difficult times. You have my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Mullings', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary Mullings
Headteacher