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19<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and support during this unprecedented time. You will be aware the Government has made the decision to close all schools nationally in order to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

The offer of caring for your children applies if both parents are key workers and there is no one else available to provide care, in this case care can be provided by the school. Please e-mail the school directly at <u>keyworkers@bloxwichacademy.co.uk</u>. Could you e-mail the following information:-

- 1. Your full name and date of birth
- 2. Your role
- 3. The name and address of your employer
- 4. The reason you require care for your child to go to work
- 5. Whether your child receives free school meals
- 6. The full name and date of birth of each of your children

Where care is provided by the school, pupils will be using home learning materials which are available on the website. They will not receive normal curriculum.

Please could this be completed no later than Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 12.00 pm. Any child of a key worker from the primary and secondary will be based on the seconday site. The Primary building will be closed for all pupils.

## All other children will need to stay at home so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 onwards.

As mentioned before, this is a national closure so whilst it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will reopen fully as soon as we can and let you know when this is by text message and via our website.

## What we will continue to do whilst your child is at home

Your child's learning is, of course, important to us so we will continue to help your child to learn. Pupils and parents/carers can access work via our website and will be able to have direct communication with teachers regarding the work set.

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Staff will continue to mark work and offer guidance on other strategies to ensure your child's education does not suffer during this time. We ask all parents and carers for your support in ensuring your child continues to access all of the resources provided.

If you child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this via a Government announced initiative.

## What we won't be able to go ahead with

- We will not be able to offer any breakfast or after school clubs. School opening time for the children of key workers is from 8.50 am 3.00 pm.
- School trips have been postponed until further notice.
- External Examinations.

This is as much as we know right now and 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 is far from ideal but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If there are any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at:postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk.

Thank you again for your continued support and I will be in touch with more information when available.

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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