

Pre Easter Remote Learning

Information for parents

The children remain our top priority and we shall continue to deliver the very best education possible during these unsettling times. I shall explain below how we are responding positively to the Secretary of State's request to us to keep our schools open for children of key workers and for vulnerable children from Monday 23 March 2020.

Our overriding responsibility is to keep our community safe, while maintaining appropriate care, support and education to our students in the best way we can. This is a time that will require a great deal of mutual collaboration as we endeavour to support one another as practically and safely as we can. We are very grateful to all our staff and all our families.

So what next?

The school will be open from Monday 23 March 2020 to the end of the term. To achieve this, we shall adapt our curriculum delivery in numerous ways through Remote Education (RE). Remote Education will go live for those pupils that are self isolating or not at school from Monday 23 March 2020. Students will be able to access a range of different lessons and learning materials through Google Classroom. We have been preparing the students for this.

We appreciate that this adapted way of delivering teaching and learning to our pupils and parents is a new and potentially daunting experience. We have been working hard to provide written and video guides, as well as clear instructions on how to contact staff.

The main contact person for each student for their Remote Education is their form tutor. If you have any questions, you should get in touch with them in the first instance. You will all be receiving an email from your child's form tutor tomorrow with further details (this will likely be after school finishes as they will be working with the remaining students during the day).

In school, we aim to provide rota'ed supervisory staff to oversee any individual student who requests to attend during school hours from Monday onwards (this may need to include professionals from outside of AHS too). As directed by the Secretary of State, this staffing provision will be care, not primarily education-led. We are nevertheless doing all we can to adapt our way of working to continue a meaningful learning experience for as many young people as possible.

You will understand that available staffing levels mean that for reasons of safety this 'at-school-provision' may have to be withdrawn, either wholly or in part, at short notice.

Together we shall all do everything we can to make the most of the situation. The whole school team is committed to helping every student positively navigate their way through the next few days and the weeks to come.

We do not know for how long the school will need to deliver its hybrid curriculum, but we will remain hopeful that we shall be able to revert to our usual form of operating after Easter. Nevertheless, please be confident that we have contingency plans in place if we need to extend this phase beyond April 21st. If it does happen, we shall let you know during the Easter break as soon as it is confirmed, giving you more details at that time.