

9 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Ref: Weekly Update

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing again to keep you up to date with the current situation and share with you what we know so far.

## School Closure

As you are aware, we are now closed to the majority of pupils in order to support the national effort to protect the NHS and save lives. Thank you for your support in keeping your child(ren) at home. We continue to provide 'Educare' for vulnerable pupils or where parents/carers are key workers will continue each day.

## Remote Learning

Thank you for your support with helping your child complete their daily remote learning. Also, thank you for the feedback we have received. Currently, work is set in line with your child(ren)'s timetable. There is a blend of work set to complete, including an online chat, video tutorials and some live lessons. When we first set this up, it was with the view that pupils would return after two weeks. However, as we now know this is going to be for the remainder of the half term, we are going to make a few tweaks from Monday. Mr Greenway will write to you and your child(ren) again by the end of the week to let you know what these are. Primarily, it will be **offering a 'live' element to every lesson, to ensure pupils understand the work and can ask questions if they wish.** If your child(ren) does not have access to IT, please contact [kplant@asap.org.uk](mailto:kplant@asap.org.uk) as we can provide a laptop loan for the period of school closure.

I was really impressed to see that nearly 80% of pupils were engaged with the online learning last week. It is really important that pupils continue to work daily, to ensure they do not fall behind. I understand that working at home can sometimes be difficult, particularly in busy households. Therefore, from 18 January, we can also offer pupils who would benefit from studying in school, the opportunity to do so. If this is the case, please contact your child's Student Support Officer in the first instance.

## Free School Meals

We have still not heard from the government regarding food vouchers. If your child[ren] is/are eligible for Free School Meals, then you can continue to get food parcels from school. Please email [kplant@asap.org.uk](mailto:kplant@asap.org.uk) if you require this. As soon as the voucher scheme is launched, we will move to this and I will let you know as soon as we hear.

## Year 11 Summer Exams

We have now heard from the government that the summer exams will not take place for Year 11 pupils. This is a real disappointment as I know how hard they have worked. Please rest assured that no Year 11 pupil will be disadvantaged by this, in terms of their final grades and we will do everything we can to support them in their next steps, after All Saints. Mr Keegan will be in contact with further details in the coming weeks, of careers interviews and destination support.

## Safeguarding

Your child's safety and well-being remains our priority throughout this difficult period. Our pastoral team have continued to work behind the scenes contacting families and liaising with external agencies to ensure the highest level of support at this testing time. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing and wish to contact us, please use [safeguarding@asap.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@asap.org.uk).

If you're worried about a child or young person and believe they are at risk of harm, even if you're unsure, call 01752 668000 or email [gateway@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:gateway@plymouth.gov.uk) or outside of normal working hours call Plymouth Out of Hours Service on 01752 346984.

The Gateway service is made up of multi-agency professionals who can give you advice, information and support. You can also contact the [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) if you want to talk to someone about your concerns and get advice.

## Further Updates

I will continue to write to you weekly with updates.

In the meantime, stay safe.

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