



Parent Bulletin: 20th April 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers

Today marks the end of the holidays and during these times hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable Easter. Today we should have children coming back to school for the first time after a two week break, but these are not normal times and government guidance is asking us to stay at home. Thank you for all the support that you have shown.

We acknowledge the difficulties in juggling home schooling alongside other commitments – a balancing act that we have been placed in. The information below set out areas to support:

Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize Daily

At yesterday's daily press conference, Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said he can't 'give a date' for when schools might re-open. The government have opened a new online educational site to support with education of students. From today, Oak National Academy which has been set up by teachers and is funded by the Department of Education, will provide video lessons for students, with each lesson coming with a corresponding quiz and worksheet.

To access the Oak National Academy resources, visit: <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Alongside the governments online educational site, BBC Bitesize Daily is available to access: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bitesize-daily-schedules-teach/zdtwjhv>

Educational Model at Staindrop

It is important that we have structure and select the learning for students, so that they are not overwhelmed and the learning is relevant. We believe that the Oak National Academy and Bitesize Daily is an additional resource your child may wish to access to extend or compliment their learning from the school.

Over the next two weeks the students will continue with their learning from subjects via 'Microsoft Teams' and 'resource packs' that can be collected from the school.

From the week beginning **Monday 4th May** a new curriculum model will start, that takes into account the rounded education for students and enabling students to manage in different circumstances. Further information will be provided over the coming weeks.

Feedback

Thank you for the feedback that has come in over the previous weeks and we are using this to continue to improve the education provided to students during this time.

Free School Vouchers

The school has received guidance from the government for the distribution of free school meal vouchers. There have been some technical issues nationally that we are working to get resolved. If you are entitled to free school vouchers you will receive information as soon as these are set up.



Updates

We will continue to update you as government announcements are made and, in the meantime, please continue to access 'Microsoft Teams' or collect packs for the students' work.

The school office will be open from 9-11am Monday to Friday. If you need to contact us please use the email: contactstaindrop@staindropschool.com

Continue to look after yourselves and families.

Regards

K. Simpson
Headteacher

Student Updates

Please continue to engage with all of the work being set by your teachers, it is remarkable how well you have all adapted under new and challenging circumstances. We continue to be extremely proud of you all. Keep up the good work.

Your Easter work will be assessed by your class teacher and feedback given to you at an appropriate time.

External Examination updates

Reminder about outstanding coursework

Can students who have subjects that require coursework please complete the outstanding work and liaise with classroom teachers.

E-Safety

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

A great website to register and support parents / carers on e-safety. There is a link to an App that is currently being used called 'Houseparty'

Public Health England Advice

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Government Guidelines

Coronavirus: Be responsible and keep your child at home.

The school is open to provide essential childcare for a limited number of children, those who are vulnerable and whose parents are keyworkers to the Covid-19 response. You should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to, and this is critical to the COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home, you should. Please keep children at home if at all possible. The decisions that are being made are to keep everyone safe and slow the spread of COVID-19.

The email address to contact the school during this time is: contactstaindrop@staindropschool.com