



Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Covid-19 Update

The Government has announced that, on the advice of its medical and scientific experts, all schools will now begin the term under remote learning. This is in order to help minimise the transmission of the virus even though the risk to young people remains very small. Thank you to all parents who logged into the live parents evening, I hope you found the update useful. I will continue with live parents' evenings throughout the lockdown period to update you on our latest actions within this challenging period.

We are providing all students with a full online curriculum and lessons started on Tuesday 5th January and will continue until February half term. It is vital that all students continue their learning and do access their online provision every day. I appreciate the additional responsibility this places on parents and I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in doing so.

We are asking all students to log onto their device at 8.30am to meet with their tutor to discuss any accessibility issues and to share any concerns they have. Teachers will then follow their timetable by delivering a 40-minute live lesson and then set a 20-minute independent task that will then be uploaded by the student for their teacher to check.

The DFE has requested that all schools monitor student engagement and we have devised a recording document to track student engagement. I know it can be challenging as a parent, to direct your child to continue to study whilst at home and if you have any issues with your child engaging please could you email: sca.concerns@salfordcity-academy.org and a member of my team will contact you to discuss support or a home visit.

The children of key workers and those who are deemed vulnerable will be able to continue to come to school. They will be supervised in an ICT room and then log onto their live lessons just like their fellow peers.

The school day will end at the normal time and lunch is from 12.45pm – 1.25pm.

If there are any queries regarding password resets, Chrome books or accessibility please could you email: enquiries@salfordcity-academy.org

For those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals (and are not currently in school) we hope to be able to send vouchers out by the end of the week to cover this week and we will let you know as soon as possible about arrangements for future weeks.



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These are obviously challenging times for the country with cases of Covid-19 rising both locally and nationally. Our priority always, however, is to do everything we can to ensure each pupil receives as full and normal a curriculum as possible at home so we can continue to minimise the disruption that the pandemic causes to their education.

I appreciate that many of you will have questions concerning issues such as external exams and the length of time these circumstances will last for. As we receive more information and clarification on these and other issues, I will keep you updated during the coming days and weeks.

The Year 11 parents' evening will still take place on Thursday 21st January. I will send more information and a link to the meeting week beginning 18th January. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask further questions regarding the exams, grading and post 16 provision. The Year 9 options process will also still take place and Mrs Eaton will send all year 9 parents an invite for a meeting in the first week of February.

We are going to begin Mass testing of all staff and key worker and vulnerable student's week beginning 11th January. More details regarding the process, electronic permission and privacy notice will be sent to key worker and vulnerable student parents later on today, as they are currently in school and therefore can be tested weekly to ensure they are not asymptomatic. Please read the documents carefully and should you wish a personal phone call about testing – then please email enquiries@salfordcity-academy.org

Thank you for your assistance and support for your child in their education during these times and the positive messages you have sent to me and the staff at SCA.

We are still open and are here to offer support to you and your child should you require it.

Take care.

Yours faithfully



Ms M D Haselden
Principal